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THE MATINEE GIRL



IN those don't-know-my-own-mind-for-a-minute days in latter April and during May, when we went out according to Mark Twain's plaint "In a fur overcoat and were struck by lightning," the sudden storms divided all street pedestrians into two classes. There is no better time for studying human nature than while dodging raindrops. The persons who laughed at the day's caprices have merry souls. Those who frowned at the downpour of rain were chronic pessimists. They who walked sturdily on, acting as though they didn't in the least mind not having an umbrella, were the brave souls who sing the psalm, "Glad I'm Alive! Glad I'm Alive!" while their individual worlds are tottering about them. Those who scurried fretfully to cover, looking as though the swirl of the storm was an affront personally directed at them, would complain of the hotel accommodations in Heaven.

One morning while the unexpected storm struck us from behind a smiling sun, I met in the space of a second and the distance of half a block two girls. Both looked as though they were making a round of calls at the offices of agents and managers.

The first covered before the wind and frowned into the face of the tiny tempest. She was white about the lips and red about the eyes. She held her hat on with one hand and her skirts up with the other, looking as tragic the while as a broker when he is on the short side of the market while prices are going up. A dozen yards behind her strode smilingly a girl with head held high and chin issuing its defiance to the shower. She, too, wore her new Spring hat, the cock's feathers of which were cruelly wilting. Yet she walked with a long, free stride while the other minced. She laughed at the storm, while the others were preparing to weep about it. They typified the dauntless and the daunted spirit.

The world is a place of April weather. It is better to laugh at than weep with life. The girl who laughed at the whimsical day will win in that whimsical game of chance called Fate.

Rose Stahl was one of the most distinguished contributors to the women's Easter edition for charity of a newspaper in the city of her home, Trenton. Her name appeared at the head of a chapter of "Beauty Hints."

"Very often I am asked why actresses have, as a rule, beautiful complexions," writes Miss Stahl. "After much thought I have become convinced that it is because of their strict adherence to these rules:

"1.—Always remove your face before retiring. Be sure to place it where it can easily be found in case of fire.

"2.—Always go to bed early. Never remain up more than five or six hours after the play is over at night.

"3.—Before awakening in the morning take an ice cold bath.

"4.—Never bathe the face with undiluted ammonia. This is very important.

"5.—Never use cosmetics—they are injurious to the skin. Before going out simply use a little rouge for the cheeks, a blue pencil for the eyes, a good lip rouge, and then brush the face over lightly with any good powder.

"6.—Never drink tea and coffee at the same meal, and never eat poached eggs while running very fast."

Under the caption of "How It Feels to Be a Star," is another article by "The Chorus Lady" turned scribbler. Miss Stahl says that it feels "just grand" to see your face reproduced on a billboard and in newspapers and magazines, to see your name in electric lights in front of the theatre, to have frocks and jackets and shoes and belts named after you, and to write fifty autographs a day, but—then "The Chorus Lady" turns serious. This is her peroration:

"No; the real joy is getting at the hearts of the people. It is feeling that great wave of love and sympathy that comes to one from the audience night after night. That is what makes the real happiness of the star—to have them laugh with her and cry with her, and then to have them call her out again and again, just to show her that they do love her. Ah! That is worth more than all the glory and all the money that success ever brings to a star; because all the money in the world cannot buy those two things—love and sympathy.

"Every one can be a star. Not all on the dramatic stage, but each one in her particular firmament. That is what I write to stage-struck girls who want to know 'how to get on.' I tell them how very hard they will have to work before they can even get a good part. And I ask them to first try to be a 'home star.' For on the great stage of life each one has her part, and if she plays it with love and sympathy the hearts around her will respond a hundred-fold, and then each of us will know how it feels to be a star."

Georgia Lawrence believes, and very properly, that the funny woman has a high mission; that she is one of the royal priestesses in the temple of amusement.

It was Ben Teal who opened the gates of this wisdom to her. It was in an after-rehearsal confidence. "Why do you waste yourself on pretty parts?" he asked. "Any girl can wear an expensive gown, and a fine hat, and sit still and be made love to. But the woman who has a sense of humor and can control her facial expression is gifted. She ought to improve the gift."

The hint operated, for Miss Lawrence is wise. She began playing eccentric comedy bits and she was successful, although she took a revolutionary stand. She would not make up her face.

"You're vain," protested a shocked stage-manager, whose creed is, "I believe in the traditions."

"I'm not," she returned stoutly, "but I believe that if I draw lines about my eyes and mouth that they will detract from the natural facial expressions. I mean to play with a clean face."

She persisted, and as persons do who battle for a sincere purpose, won. After years of work as an eccentric comedienne she received her reward. It came not in stardom nor in salary of four figures, not in the dubious winning of a most popular actress contest. It was merely the story told by a man at dinner where Ada Lewis was a guest, a story which Miss Lewis, being a princess of good fellows, did not withhold from the heroine.

"We all have a visit from the suicidal mania at some time in our lives," said a man. "I was tottering on the brink of suicide one evening. I was almost a bankrupt. I had lost many friends. I was the most hopeless wretch in New York. I had made up my mind that at midnight I would put an end to it all. Meanwhile, as I drifted about the city, I wandered into the Garrick Theatre. I don't know the name of the play. I remember that Maxine Elliott was in it. But there was a girl in it who was such a round, cheery creature, with such a brave way of looking at life and such sympathetic outlook, that she compelled me to absorb some of it. I went back to my hotel saying that I would put off the deed, and see what the next day would offer. The next day was as blank as the rest, but there was a matinee, and I went to the same theatre again to see the same play. The girl had her message for me. I went away feeling a great deal better. She had put a new heart into me."

"For a week I went to that play every night, just to see the girl. When the week was over I had got a new grip on myself and gone to work again. I have never thought of suicide since. That girl saved me. I don't even know her name."

Miss Lewis supplied the name, and Miss Lewis carried the story to the actress, who sent a second message to him. "Tell him that it is worth all the hard places all along the way to have heard that."

Eugene Ormonde, who plays Dr. Andre in Papa Lebonnard, is a master of the art, as rare as it is fine, of listening. To merely hear, half-heartedly and half-carelessly, a noise, whether it be the blowing down of a shutter or a purring and seemingly endless monologue, is a physical faculty shared by all but the deaf. But to listen well differs from merely hearing, as a Mesmerist from a lithograph.

To listen well means to hear with understanding. It means to follow the moods and tenses of the speaker to their uttermost variation and to reflect to the finest and farthestmost shades the moods and tenses in his own countenance. Some of this art which Mr. Ormonde has mastered was displayed in Papa Lebonnard, but most of it I saw reflected at a tea where he was the sole masculine guest. He had been coaxed thither with the plea, "We must have a man, you know, to keep us in countenance and to admire our new hats."

Mr. Ormonde good-naturedly appeared. To appear was all that was necessary. He was not expected to talk. There were many others who were eager to do that. His role was to hold his tea cup without spilling it—and just listen, and admirably he played it. He listened to boring shop talk that he had heard all his life. He listened to warm discussions of whether the big hat really made a woman look younger or whether it only made her ridiculous. He listened to gossip. He even hearkened to a dash of scandal. Listened not as a person who merely hears, while his impassive countenance is an understudy of the Great Stone Face at dawn, but with a face over which played a response to every sentiment or shade of sentiment conveyed by every speaker. When the speaker was merry the Great Listener was merry. When the speaker graced upon the serious Mr. Ormonde's face assumed a "sadness that was not akin to pain."

By all of which he proved not only that he is an actor, but an admirable actor.

"It's a perfect love of a hat, Eva," cooed one of a matinee crowd grouped more or less picturesquely about a soda fountain.

The comedienne's dark eyes were eloquent of appreciation but her tongue was mute, being just then immersed in chocolate sundi.

"Just the fashionable shade of green," purred a matinee matron, wiping a fleck of whipped cream off the tip of her nose and surreptitiously powdering the same.

"And precisely the new shape," Miss Davenport's eyes twinkled while she gravely dabbed her lips with the paper napkin vouchsafed by the drug store, and drew down her veil.

"It's seven years old," she murmured in her impressive contralto.

"Stop stringing," said the slangy member of the party.

"I don't believe it," said the tall woman with an intimate friend's license.

"I can prove it by my daughter and chap-erone," asserted Miss Davenport, and from the rear of the group came Miss O'Brien to bear her testimony.

"Yes, mamma got it out of an old trunk that has not been opened for seven years."

In the street-car convention which ensued Miss Davenport expounded her theory: "Just as the body is made over every seven years so the fashions move in cycles. Whatever women are wearing now they will duplicate in a few years. If your clothes are not worn out by the time you become tired of them, buy a few yards of tissue paper and embalm them. If you live you'll be sure to wear them again."

As she climbed the hill to her apartment at 110th Street her handsome green plume waved its corroboration.

THE MATINEE GIRL.

REVIEWS OF NEW PLAYS.

TWO SPRING OFFERINGS AND STOCK PRODUCTIONS LAST WEEK.

Cecil Spooner in *The Girl and the Detective*—Mildred Holland's New Play—Adelaide Keim as Juliet—Opera at the West End and American—Offerings at Combination House—Announcements.

To be reviewed next week:

THE GAY MUSICIAN.....Wallack's.

Blaney's—*The Girl and the Detective*.

Melodrama in four acts, by Charles E. Blaney and J. Searle Dawley. Produced May 11. (Charles E. Blaney, manager.)

Henry Tanner	George Palmer Moore
Haggerty	Lon Hascall
E. F. Tracy	Sohn Milton
John Judson	R. W. Smiley
Lee Bow	Charles Gibson
Mr. Jessup	Dick Thompson
Mr. Melroy	Harry S. Bastick
Mr. Calhart	Austin Conroy
Mr. Reilly	G. W. Kerrigan
Mr. Birch	William Offenberg
Pie-e	Charles Gibson
Mr. Smith	J. H. Nicolls
Mr. Walcott	Harry Bastick
Mr. Adams	G. W. Kerrigan
Mr. Conlin	Austin Conroy
Lady Valmont	Anna Hollinger
Miss Morton	Florence Elliott
Miss Starbright	Helen Bellew
Lily Towers	Madge West
Miss McPherson	Ricca Scott
Miss Willis	Helen Miller
Mrs. O'Hann	Mal Estelle
Little Tykie	Cecil Spooner

The Girl and the Detective is an unusually well written play that cannot fail to please. One cannot help note with satisfaction the absence of the conventional heavy man and the wronged woman. Yet in their absence all the thrills and sensations of melodrama are supplied and in an intelligent, plausible manner. There is one flaw, however, in this play which should be corrected. At the end of the second act, when Tanner makes his escape from his room with the detective's make-up on, the audience does not suspect that the man who passes through the room is any other than the detective himself. It is only when he comes before the curtain and unmask that his real identity is discovered. If Haggerty were overpowered and gagged before the audience the act would be made much stronger and the audience would not be left in doubt as it is at present.

The play opens showing a scene in a newspaper office. The city editor is anxiously awaiting the arrival of Tanner, the star reporter. Lord Valmont has either committed suicide or been murdered, and Tanner is the only man that can handle the story, so the editor thinks, and when Tanner comes in without any knowledge of it the editor gets excited. Presently the operator receives a message from some one signing "L. T.," who knows all about it. The wires are cut off by the government, and "L. T.," who is a girl, announces her intention of delivering the message in person. She engages an automobile and comes at the rate of sixty miles an hour. Then enter "L. T.," who proves to be Little Tykie, of newspaper row; a girl of about sixteen years. She begins her story and Tanner is engaged in writing it. Presently he astonishes every one by declaring that he cannot write it. Attention is attracted to him as being either guilty or implicated in the murder. Little Tykie, as she proceeds to leave the office, establishes Tanner's connection with it by asking him if she told anything she shouldn't. The editor learns that Tanner was at the scene of the murder at the time it took place, and believing he sold the story to another paper, discharges him.

Three weeks later Little Tykie shows up in Tanner's room. She is employed by the landlady of the house, and is very much in love with Tanner, by whom she is very much loved in return. Many pretty little "love scenes" transpire, and the outlook is very bright for Little Tykie, until she accidentally discovers a "woman" in Tanner's room. The "woman" is Lady Valmont, and is Tanner's sister, but Tykie doesn't know this, and, thinking she has been deceived, begins preparations for killing herself. After she has written her farewell letter and is about to do the bloody work, Haggerty, the detective, enters. She tells Haggerty everything and he goes out to hunt for Tanner. Tanner returns and Tykie learns who the "woman" was. Tykie feels very bad about it, and, of course, is going to take care that Haggerty doesn't catch Tanner. For the next act and a half Haggerty is hot on Tanner's trail, and Tykie is kept busy bringing all her resources into play in foiling him in his attempts to capture his suspect. The scene shifts to the Steel Works in New Jersey, and there Little Tykie learns that R. F. Tracy, the president, is the guilty person, who has murdered Valmont through a desire to marry the latter's wife. Lady Valmont, however, hates him, and when he lures her into his office it is with the intention of putting her in a compromising position. With the aid of Little Tykie she escapes from the office, and the next scene shows Tanner, Lady Valmont, Tracy, and Little Tykie in the iron foundry. Tracy has overpowered Tanner and thrown him on a steel press, which is rapidly carrying him to certain death. Over the burning coals and molten iron cohes Little Tykie to the rescue. Tracy runs away and everybody is saved.

The last act is in Haggerty's quarters. He has got Little Tykie in his room and his lieutenants are hunting for Tanner. Presently they bring in Tracy, who looks like Tanner. He is just the man Little Tykie is looking for, and she has him searched. He is found to possess the bonds that were taken from Valmont at the time of his death, and his guilt is thereby established. Little Tykie is rewarded with Tanner, and the very interesting melodrama comes to an end.

Cecil Spooner is interesting throughout the play. She has a very pleasing personality, which in time will make her one of the most popular actresses on the stage. Lon Hascall did some very effective work as the detective, Haggerty. George Palmer Moore as Tanner played his part satisfactorily. Sohn Milton as R. F. Tracy realized all the possibilities of his part. R. W. Smiley as John Judson looked the part all right, but he did not speak distinctly. Dick Thompson gave a natural interpretation of the role of Mr. Jessup. Anna Hollinger gave a forceful and dignified performance as Lady Valmont. Mal Estelle was very amusing as Mrs. O'Hann. Ricca Scott acted the part of Miss McPherson intelligently. Charles Gibson did very well as Pie-e, but one would think he had never seen a Chinaman from the way he acted Lee Bow. Harry S. Bastick as Mr. Melroy, Austin Con-

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First Lieutenant H. Clay Miner, whose portrait appears above, is the ordnance officer on the colonel's staff of the Twenty-second Engineer Corps, N. Y. Lieutenant Miner is well known in military circles as a fine rifle shot, and has the distinction of having qualified as a distinguished expert. In theatrical circles, he is better known as the general manager of the estate of his father, the late Hon. Henry C. Miner. In this capacity he is compelled to be familiar and keep in touch with the details of the lithographing and printing business, the drug trade, the Jewish theatrical business, burlesque theatres, as well as road attractions, and New York reality, in all of which lines the Miner estate has large interests.

roy as Mr. Carhart. G. W. Kerrigan as Mr. Reilly, and William Offenberg as Birch, all appeared to advantage in their respective roles, as did likewise Florence Elliott as Miss Morton, Helen Bellew as Miss Starbright, Madge West as Lily Towers, and Helen Miller as Miss Willis.

This week, *The Dancer and the King*.Yorkville—*The Provider*.

Drama in four acts, by Matthew Barry. Produced May 11. (E. C. White, manager.)

Allice Davis	Madeline Delmar
Tom Davis	George Swift
Katy O'Neill	Vincent Crane
Margaret Davis	Mildred Holland
Arthur Desmond	George Warrington
Jack Prescott	Richard Gordon
Mrs. Davis	Teresa Dale
Mrs. Gibbs	Anna Barton
George Thompson	W. E. Pendergast
William Davis	Del La Barry
Billy Bedell	Charles Arthur
Jack Patchild	Edward Atkins
Richard Fleming	Edwin Schmo
Jim Steeply	R. H. Gibby

Matthew Barry made his first appeal as a playwright to New York audiences last Monday night in *The Provider* at the Yorkville Theatre. His initial effort well merited the applause he received from a critical audience. The story is told in a coherent and simple manner, and the lines run above the theatric effectiveness of melodrama.

Margaret Davis, a school teacher, is in love with Jack Prescott, a bank clerk. George Thompson, Prescott's employer, is also in love with Margaret, and plots to compromise Jack by accusing him of embezzlement. Jack is arrested and sent to prison. The evidence against him is so strong that even Margaret is convinced of his guilt. Thompson offers to prevent the punishment and disgrace of Prescott if Margaret will marry him. She consents, for it will mean freedom for the lover, and also because Thompson's wealth will enable her family, for whom she has been the provider, to live in ease. Margaret leads for a time a married life of luxurious misery. Thompson fails to keep his promise to save Prescott, and when Margaret finally learns of his despicable conduct, and is convinced of Prescott's innocence, she leaves his home forever. Arthur Desmond, who has long been Thompson's tool, comes, now that he is dying, to the Davis home with Jack Prescott, the latter having served his prison sentence, and confesses that it was he who, at Thompson's orders, abstracted the money from the bank and who hid it in Prescott's room. Thompson enters, and finding Prescott with Margaret announces that he will divorce her, and leaves the room. Desmond follows, a shot is heard, and Desmond returns to say that he has killed him. He staggers and falls on a couch, where the officers of the law, who have come to apprehend him, find him dead.

Mildred Holland as Margaret Davis is charming and captivating in the lighter scenes, and roused the house to genuine enthusiasm in a fierce denunciation scene, in which she rose to moving heights of emotional power, compelling admiration by the artistic refinement of her method. Teresa Dale as Margaret's mother had fair opportunities of distinguishing herself and embraced them with aptitude. Madeline Delmar as Allice Davis gave irresistible value and charm to the part. Anna Barton as Mrs. Gibbs and Viola Crane as Katy O'Neill were excellent. William H. Pendergast as George Thompson displayed the greed, treachery and callousness of the character in the strongest possible manner. Richard Gordon as Jack Prescott deserves special praise for the spirit with which he entered into the definition of a tedious and rather thankless role. George Swift did exceedingly well as Tom Davis, and George Warrington in the character of Arthur Desmond won much sympathy. Charles Arthur played Billy Bedell in true comedy spirit and won much applause.

This week, *The Triumph of an Empress*.Metropolis—*Romeo and Juliet*.

Adelaide Keim in the role of Juliet drew large audiences to the Metropolis Theatre all last week. Miss Keim possesses a personal magnetism and charm that makes her portrayal of Juliet one to be remembered. Her

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PLAYS OF THE YEAR

Dramatic Record of the Past Twelve Months in New York City.

Productions, Revivals and Runs Carefully Chronicled—The Season at Producing Houses, at Combination Theatres and in the Local Stock Theatres—Comparisons with Other Years.

This summary of New York's theatrical season covers the period between May 18, 1907, and May 16, 1908. The lists show the new plays produced and the old plays presented at every important theatre in Manhattan and the Bronx. The only intentional omissions are a few semi-private performances given by amateurs or students, the plays at the various Yiddish and Italian theatres, and occasional performances by the French company at the Bijou. The duration of runs refer to the number of times the plays were presented in New York city, and does not take into consideration out of town performances.

The Season at Producing Houses.

The list below shows the plays, dates of first presentation and the number of performances at the most important theatre. An asterisk (*) before the name of a play indicates its first presentation in New York city. The record is from May 18, 1907, to May 16, 1908.

AERIAL GARDENS: June 3, *The Honeymooners*, 72 times.

ASTOR: May 20, *The Builders*, 17 times; Aug. 12, *The Yankee Tourist*, 103 times; Nov. 11, *Tom Jones*, 65 times; Jan. 4, *The Secret Orchard*, 16 times; Jan. 20, *Irish Wycherly*, 20 times; Feb. 25, *Paid in Full*, 95 times, still running.

BELASCO: *The Rose of the Ruehco* (continued from previous record), 240 times; Aug. 31, run resumed, 80 times; total, 320 times; Nov. 11, *The Girl of the Golden West*, 22 times; Dec. 3, *The Warrens of Virginia*, 174 times (removed to the Stuyvesant May 4).

BREKIDLEY LYCEUM: Oct. 15, *The Shrike*, 15 times; *Washington's First Defeat*, 13 times; *The Master Builder*, 13 times; Oct. 22, *How He Lied to Her Husband*, 6 times; Nov. 3, *The Van Dyke*, 41 times; *The Japanese Lady*, 23 times; *After the Opera*, 8 times; Nov. 25, *Jashu-wara*, 7 times; *The Flag Station*, 17 times; Dec. 2, *Cathleen ni Houlihan*, 10 times; *The Hour Glass*, 10 times; Dec. 11, *Candida*, 30 times.

BIJOU: *Comtesse Coquette* (continued from previous record), 76 times; Aug. 6, *The Shoo Fly Regiment*, 14 times; Sept. 2, *Comtesse Coquette*, 25 times; total, 101 times; Sept. 23, *The Master Builder*, 65 times; Nov. 18, *A Doll's House*, 49 times; Dec. 30, *The Comet*, 56 times; Feb. 17, *The Merchant of Venice*, 8 times; Feb. 24, *Richard III*, 8 times; March 3, *The Rector's Garden*, 7 times; March 10, *Binfa*, 12 times; April 18, *The Wolf*, 9 times (removed to Lyric April 27); April 28, *Papa Lebonnard*, 25 times, still running.

BROADWAY: *The Parisian Model* (continued from previous record), 222 times; Sept. 2, *Rogers Brothers in Panama*, 49 times (removed to Liberty Oct. 21); Oct. 21, *The Round Up*, removed from New Amsterdam, 90 times; Jan. 6, *The Parisian Model*, 21 times; total, 251 times; Jan. 27, *A White Dragon*, 111 times.

CASINO: May 20, *Fascinating Flora*, 113 times; Sept. 2, *The Orchid* (removed from Herald Square), 15 times; Sept. 16, *The Lady from Lane's* (removed from Lyric), 14 times; Oct. 7, *The Gay White Way*, 105 times; Jan. 6, *Punahashi*, 32 times; Feb. 3, *The Top of the World* (removed from Majestic), 25 times; Feb. 24, *Nearly a Hero*, 96 times, still running.

CIRCLE: Sept. 7, *From Across the Pond*, 17 times; Oct. 12, *Two Islands* (revision of *From Across the Pond*), 34 times; Nov. 25, *His Honor the Mayor*, 17 times; Dec. 25, *Playing the Ponies*, 32 times; Jan. 20, *Loneliness*, 58 times; April 25, *The Merry-Go-Round*, 25 times, still running.

CRITTER: Aug. 5, *The Little Cherub*, 21 times; total, 190 times; Aug. 26, *The Dairymaids*, 86 times; Nov. 18, *The Morals of Marcus*, 44 times; Dec. 21, *Miss Hook of Holland*, 119 times; (American Academy matinee), Jan. 9, *The Prince*; Jan. 9, *Rose of the Wind*; Jan. 9, *Our Children*.

DAILY: Aug. 31, *The Great Divide*, 103 times; total, 307 times; Dec. 5, *The Lancers*, 12 times; Dec. 12, *John Glynde's Honor*, 16 times; Jan. 6, *The House of a Thousand Candles*, 14 times; Jan. 18, *Society and the Bulldog*, 17 times; Feb. 10, *The Awakening*, 9 times; Feb. 17, *Adrienne Lecouvreur*, 4 times; Feb. 20, *The Enigma* and *I Pagliacci*, 4 times; Feb. 24, *Carmen*, 2 times; Feb. 25, *Sapho*, 3 times; Feb. 27, *Magda*, 1 time; Camille, 1 time; Feb. 28, *The Second Mrs. Tanqueray*, 1 time (Olga Netherdale); March 2, *A Doll's House*, 4 times; March 5, *The Fires of St. John*, 4 times; March 9, *The Battle of the Butterflies*, 3 times; March 10, *A Child of Nature*, 3 times; March 12, *The Children of the Sun*, 4 times; March 19, *The Dowry of a Bride*, 2 times; March 20, *The Master Builder*, 2 times (Madame Komarschewsky); March 23, *Girls*, 64 times, still running.

EMPIRE: Aug. 31, *My Wife*, 128 times; Dec. 24, *Peter Pan*, 16 times; total, 307 times; Jan. 6, *Quality Street*, 7 times; Jan. 15, *The Jesters*, 53 times; March 2, *Father and the Boys*, 88 times, still running. (American Academy matinee) Oct. 24, *The Star of Mantua*, *His Alibi*; Nov. 14, *When Love Is Young*, *Antoinette's Holidays*, *The Tempest in the Shade*, *The Return of Deborah*; Dec. 5, *The Relapse of William*, *Pietro*, *Sunlight and Shadow*; Dec. 19, *Hal, the Highwayman*, *Mothers-in-Law*, *Reverdy*, *The First Time*; Jan. 23, *A Castle in Spain*, *Joy Is Dangerous*, *A Marriage*, *Tears*; Feb. 6, *Young Mrs. Winthrop*, *The Deacon*; Feb. 20, *Captain Walrus*, *A Guantlett*, *The Ladies' Battle*; March 4, *The Temptress*, *The Thief of Destiny*, *The White Lily*, *A Scrap of Paper*; March 28, *The Lichon Pourera*.

GAMMON: Oct. 14, *Madam Butterfly*, 24 times; Nov. 12, *The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary*, 32 times; Feb. 11, *Electra* and *The Flower of Yamato*, 9 times; Feb. 29, *The Village Lawyer*, 17 times; March 24, *Marta of the Lowlands*, 13 times; April 20, *The Luck of MacGregor*, 8 times.

GARRICK: *Caught in the Rain* (continued from previous record), 225 times; Aug. 20, *When Knights Were Bold*, 54 times (removed to Hackett Oct. 14); Oct. 14, *The Stupider*, 14 times; Oct. 28, *Parlie*, 23 times; Nov. 18, *When Knights Were Bold*, 7 times; total, 65 times; Nov. 19, *Dr. Walker's Patient*, 1 time; Nov. 25, *The Toyman of Nuremberg*, 24 times; Dec. 25, *Under the Greenwood Tree*, 44 times; Feb. 3, *Fifty Miles from Boston*, 32 times; March 2, *The Easterner*, 18 times; March 16, *Toddles*, 16 times; April 6, *The Royal Mounted*, 22 times.

HACKETT: *The Chorus Lady* (continued from previous record), 250 times; Sept. 3, *The Movers*, 23 times; Sept. 26, *The Struggle Everlasting*, 20 times; Oct. 14, *When Knights Were Bold* (removed from Garrick), 37 times (removed to Garrick Nov. 18); Nov. 18, *The Witching Hour*, 212 times, still running; (Stanhope-Whitcroft School); March 31, *At the Turn of the Road*, *The Duellist*, *A Jew Begotten*, *The End of the Day*, *Ici On Parle Français*.

HERALD SQUARE: *The Orchid* (continued from previous record), 163 times (removed to Casino Sept. 2); Sept. 2, *Anna Karenina*, 31 times; Oct. 1, *The Girl Behind the Counter*, 200 times, still running.

HINDSON: *Brewster's Millions* (continued from previous record), 129 times; June 17, *The Lion and the Mouse*, 16 times; Aug. 28, *Classmates*, 102 times; Nov. 25, *The Chorus Lady*, 23 times; Dec. 25, *Her Sister*, 61 times; Feb. 17, *The Honor of the Family*, 104 times, still running; March 23, *Love's Comedy* (matinee), 2 times.

KICKERBOCKER: *The Red Mill* (continued from previous record), 318 times; Aug. 12, *The Alaskan*, 29 times; Sept. 9, *Millie Modiste*, 21 times, total, 200 times; Sept. 30, *The Evangelist*, 19 times; Oct. 19, *The Hayden*, 44 times; Dec. 3, *The Talk of New York*, 157 times; April 20, *The Yankee Prince*, 28 times, still running.

LIBERTY: May 25, *Hamlet* (matinee), 1 time; Aug. 24, *The Follies of 1907* (removed from New York Roof), 23 times; Sept. 16, *Lein from Berlin*, 35 times; Oct. 21, *Rogers Brothers in Panama* (removed from Broadway), 22 times; Nov. 11, *The Christian Pilgrim*, 14 times; Nov. 25, *O'Neill of Derry*, 33 times; Dec. 23, *Polly of the Circus*, 100 times.

LYCEUM: *The Boys of Company B* (continued from previous record), 96 times; Aug. 15, *Divorçons*, 29 times; Sept. 9, *The Thief*, 281 times.

LYRIC: *The Road to Yesterday* (continued from previous record), 86 times; June 27, *The Hornet's Nest*, 1 time; Aug. 19, *The Lady from Lane's*, 33 times (removed to Casino Sept. 16); Sept. 16, *Virginia*, 22 times; Oct. 7, *Monte Cristo*, 14 times; Oct. 21, *Sapho and Phaox*, 7 times; Oct. 28, *Miss Pocahontas*, 16 times; Nov. 11, *The Second Mrs. Tanqueray*, 2 times; Nov. 12, *Magda*, 2 times; Nov. 13, *Hedda Gabler*, 2 times; Nov. 15, *The Notorious Mrs. Ebbelstith* (Mrs. Patrick Campbell); Nov. 18, *The Girl of the Golden West*, 15 times; Dec. 2, *Othello*; Dec. 3, *Papa Lebonnard*; Dec. 4, *The Merchant of Venice*; Dec. 6, *Louis XI*; Dec. 7, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *The Benevolent Bear*; Dec. 9, *Nero*; Dec. 10, *Our Boys*; Dec. 11, *King Lear*; Dec. 12, *Kenn*; Dec. 13, *A Night Off*; Dec. 14, *The Outlaw*, *Macbeth* (No. 11); Dec. 16, *The Secret Orchard*, 16 times; Dec. 20, *Rogersholm*, 30 times; Jan. 27, *Our American Cousin* (Lord Dundreary), 51 times; Feb. 1, *Hamlet*, 5 times; March 2, *If I Were King*, 15 times; March 9, *The Fool Hath Said There Is No God*, 7 times; April 8, *Don Quixote*, 13 times (E. H. Sothern); April 27, *The Wolf* (removed from Bijou), 24 times, still running.

MADISON SQUARE: Sept. 4, *The Man on the Case*, 21 times; Nov. 6, *The Coming of Mrs. Patrick*, 13 times; Dec. 23, *The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary*, 24 times; Jan. 12, *The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary*, 24 times; Feb. 12, *The Worth of a Woman*, 21 times.

MADISON SQUARE ROOF: June 22, *The Maid and the Millionaire*, 72 times.

MAJESTIC: May 20, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, 16 times; Aug. 30, *The Other House*, 20 times; Sept. 16, *The Spell*, 16 times; Sept. 30, *Anna Karenina* (removed from Herald Square), 16 times; Oct. 19, *The Top of the World*, 131 times (removed to Casino Feb. 3); Feb. 3, *Randanna Land*, 80 times; April 29, *The Flower of the Ranch*, 16 times.

NEW AMSTERDAM: Aug. 26, *The Round Up*, 65 times (removed to Broadway Oct. 21); Oct. 21, *The Merry Widow*, 242 times, still running.

NEW YORK: Jan. 28, *The Soul Kiss*, 122 times, still running.

NEW YORK ROOF: Sept. 8, *The Follies of 1907*, 47 times (removed to Liberty Aug. 24).

SAVOR: *The Man of the Hour* (continued from previous record), 479 times; Jan. 20, *Twenty Days in the Shade*, 64 times; Feb. 18, *A Pot of Broth*, 7 times; Feb. 24, *The Rising of the Moon*, 24 times; March 23, *The Servant in the House*, 64 times, still running.

STUYVESANT: Oct. 16, *A Grand Army Man*, 149 times; Feb. 24, *The Music Master*, 63 times; May 4, *The Warrens of Virginia* (removed from the Belasco), 16 times.

WALLACE: *Divorçons* (continued from previous record), 54 times; June 3, *His Honor the Mayor*, 16 times; Aug. 5, *The Time, the Place and the Girl*, 32 times; Sept. 2, *The Ranger*, 24 times; Sept. 23, *The Hardy Gurdy Girl*, 24 times; Oct. 17, *The Silver Girl*, 24 times; Nov. 4, *The Right of Way*, 34 times; Dec. 2, *The Hayden*, 14 times; Dec. 16, *A Knight for a Day*, 176 times.

WEEKS: Oct. 10, *Hip, Hip, Hooryay*, 64 times; Nov. 23, *The Thief* (burlesque), 16 times; Jan. 2, *The Merry Widow* (burlesque), 156 times.

At Combination Houses.

The list below gives the plays and dates of presentation at the combination theatres, unless otherwise indicated the runs are for one week. First performances in New York city are indicated by an asterisk (*).

ACADEMY OF MUSIC: *The Prince of Pilsen* (continued from previous record), 32 times; June 3, *Royal Italian Grand Opera*, Aug. 22, four weeks; Aug. 12, *The Ham Tree*, 24 times; Sept. 2, *Salome Jane*, 33 times; Sept. 30, *The Old Homestead*, 32 times; Oct. 29, *The Lion and the Mouse*, 75 times; Dec. 30, *The Rose of the Rancho*, 32 times; Jan. 27, *The Girl of the Golden West*, 24 times; Feb. 17, *The Great Divide*, 16 times; March 3, *The Orchid*, 16 times; April 13, *Italian Grand Opera*, one week; April 20, *Millie Modiste*, 28 times.

AMERICAN: May 20, *The Great Wall Street Mystery*; May 27, *The Two Orphans*; July 27, *King and Queen of Gamblers*, 10 times; Aug. 5, *The Outlaw's Christmas*; Aug. 19, *Convict 999*; Aug. 26, *Edna, the Pretty Typewriter*; Sept. 2, *From Broadway to the Bowery*; Sept. 9, *The Way of the Transgressor*; Sept. 16, *Under Suspicion*; Sept. 23, *A Chorus Girl's Luck in New York*; Sept. 30, *Bunco in Arizona*; Oct. 7, *Through Death Valley*; Oct. 14, *The Burglar and the Lady*; Oct. 21, *The Shoo Fly Regiment*; Oct. 28, *Since Nellie Went Away*; Nov. 4, *Patsy in Politics*; Nov. 18, *The Candy Kid*; Nov. 25, *His Terrible Secret*; Dec. 2, *The Little Organ Grinder*; Dec. 9, *The Life of an Actress*; Dec. 16, *Nellie, the Beautiful Cloak Model*; Dec. 23, *The Rocky Mountain Express*; Dec. 30, *The Card King of the Coast*; Jan. 6, *Around the Clock*; Jan. 13, *A Fighting Chance*; Jan. 20, *Shadowed by Three*; Jan. 27, *A Race Across the Continent*; Feb. 3, *A Millionaire's Revenge*; Feb. 10, *In Old Kentucky*; Feb. 17, *Sweet Molly O*; Feb. 24, *Tony, the Bootblack*; March 2, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (matinee); March 9, *From Sing Sing to Liberty*; March 16, *The Volunteer Organist*; March 23, *Broadway After Dark*; March 30, *The Black Politician* (The Street Set); April 6, *Wine, Woman, and Song*, three weeks; May 4, *Abramson's Italian Grand Opera* company, still running.

BLANEY'S LINCOLN SQUARE: May 20, *Kellar*; May 27, *The Dancer and the King*, 17 times; June 10, *The Girl Raffles*; Aug. 3, *Little Johnny Jones*; Aug. 12, *The Hired Girls' Millions*; Aug. 19, *Raffles*; Aug. 27, *Red Feather*; Sept. 2, *The Spellers*, 25 times; Sept. 23, *His Terrible Secret*; Sept. 30, *Dion O'Dare*; Oct. 14, *Aborn Opera* company, 9 weeks; Dec. 23, *The Bad Boy and His Teddy Bears*, 44 times; May 11, *The Girl and the Detective*. (See also Stock Houses).

FOURTEENTH STREET: May 20, *The Outlaw's Christmas*; May 27, *Little Dolly Dimples*; Aug. 3, *A Chorus Girl's Luck in New York*, 10 times; Aug. 12, *The Gambler of the West*; Aug. 19, *Jessie Left the Village*; Aug. 26, *The Singing Girl of Killarney*; Sept. 2, *Patsy in Politics*; Sept. 9, *The Little Organ Grinder*; Sept. 16, *The Cowboy and the Squaw*; Sept. 23, *The Shoemaker*; Sept. 30, *Kidnapped for Revenge*; Oct. 7, *Dublin Dan*; Oct. 14, *A Child Shall Lead Them*; Oct. 21, *The Girl of Eagle Ranch*; Oct. 28, *Edna, the Pretty Typewriter*; Nov. 4, *Through Death Valley*; Nov. 11, *Bertha, the Sewing Machine Girl*; Nov. 18, *The Ninety and Nine*; Nov. 25, *Shadowed by Three*; Dec. 2, *Eight Bells*; Dec. 9, *The Hired Girls' Millions*; Dec. 16, *Bunco in Arizona*; Dec. 23, *Deadwood Dick's Last Shot*; Dec. 30, *The Oyster Man*; Jan. 6, *His Terrible Secret*; Jan. 13, *Since Nellie Went Away*; Jan. 20, *The Bad Boy and His Teddy Bears*; Jan. 27, *The Street Singer*; Feb. 3, *The Curse of Drink*; Feb. 10, *Panhandle Pete*; Feb. 17, *The Lost Trail*; Feb. 24, *Parted on Her Bridal Tour*; March 2, *Chinatown Charlie*; March 9, *Tony, the Bootblack*; March 16, *Lena Rivers*; March 23, *Redfeather's Hope*; March 30, *Under Southern Skies*; April 6, *Happy Hooligan's Trip Around the World*; April 13, *The County Fair*; April 20, *Mrs. Eva Fay*.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE: May 20, *Mrs. Warren's Profession*; May 27, *The Lion and the Mouse*; June 3, *The Shoo Fly Regiment*; June 10, *Royal Italian Grand Opera* company, two weeks; Aug. 24, *The Boys of Company B*; Sept. 2, *Brown of Harvard*; Sept. 9, *The Grand Model*; Sept. 16, *The Road to Yesterday*; Sept. 23, *Fascinating Flora*; Sept. 30, *The Parisian Model*; Oct. 7, *The Belle of Mayfair*; Oct. 14, *The Spring Chicken*; Oct. 21, *The Tattered Man*; Oct. 28, *Lola from Berlin*; Nov. 4, *The Follies of 1907*; Nov. 11, *The Ranger*; Nov. 18, *The Yankee Tourist*; Nov. 25, *The Rich Mr. Hoggensheimer*; Dec. 2, *The Straight Road*; Dec. 9, *The Three of Us*; Dec. 16, *The Oyster Man*; Dec. 23, *The Orchid*; Dec. 30, *The Little Cherub*; Jan. 6 (week off), *An American Citizen*, *When We Were Twenty-One*, *A Gilded Fool*, and *In Mizouza* (N. C. Goodwin); Jan. 13, *Brewster's Millions*; Jan. 20, *Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch*; Jan. 27, *The Hayden*; Feb. 3, *The Gay White Way*; Feb. 10, *When Knights Were Bold*; Feb. 17, *Backsiders' Minstrels*; Feb. 24, *The Dairymaids*; March 2, *Fifty Miles from Boston*; March 9, *The Right of Way*; March 16, *Brewster's Millions*; March 23, *Caught in the Rain*; March 30, *The Blue Moon*; April 6, *Rogers Brothers in Panama*; April 13, *The Follies of 1907*; April 20, *The Talk of New York*; April 27, *The Parisian Model*; May 4, *Olga Netherdale* in repertoire (*Sapho*, *Carmen*, and *The Second Mrs. Tanqueray*); May 11, *The Clansman*.

HARLEM OPERA HOUSE: See Stock Houses.

LINCOLN SQUARE: See Blaney's.

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SHALL THE FUND SURVIVE?

THE annual meeting of the Actors' Fund of America, held last Tuesday, contrasted deplorably with some of its gatherings in former years.

It is true that there were faithful officers and members—all willing workers and well-wishers—present, but the meeting was meagre in attendance, showing the slight regard felt for the Fund by the rank and file of the great profession which had hundreds of members on the streets of New York and almost within call of the meeting that might have shown an interest in the affairs of this great charity, which evidently will require every effort on the part of those for whom it was organized if it shall be maintained.

For several years it has been evident that the establishing of the Actors' Home on Staten Island involved such a drain upon the resources of the Fund, aside from the other obligations of the charity, that heroic measures would have to be resorted to in order that the Fund might be sustained. And this in spite of the generous contributions made originally for the purchase of the Home property and starting that establishment in its work.

The year ended May 1, 1907, found the Fund in better condition than the previous year, owing to special efforts to swell its receipts, and the comparatively large sum realized from a benefit performance in the Metropolitan Opera House; yet the report for the year just closed shows a deficit of \$26,234, and this, with the apparently failing interest in the Fund, should alarm the friends of this charity and spur every member of the theatrical profession to effort in its behalf.

That the members of the profession who year after year have recognized obligation to the Fund by renewing membership do not wish it to abandon its purpose and become ineffective is clear. Do the thousands of actors and others concerned in the theatre, the only refuge of a great number of whom the Fund would be in pursuit of its purpose of relieving the deserving sick and burying the dead, wish to stand idly by and see this institution lose its power to serve?

That in the due course of events the Fund is doomed unless those whose duty it

is to support it come forward regularly to its aid is plain. In recent years, through special effort on occasions of need, money has been raised to meet the drains upon the Fund, but its regular income should be assured in accordance with its work.

Advice and theories will no doubt be offered endlessly in this emergency; but what is wanted is practical action, and the first duty of every member of the profession who is not already a member of the Fund is to become a member and pay the small annual fee that qualifies for that honorable association.

CONDITIONS GENERAL.

Every theatrical season must show a number of plays that win notable success, in the nature of things; and the season now closing has developed several dramas creditable to the theatre and high in public favor, yet on the whole the theatrical year unquestionably has been a disappointment to a majority of those engaged in the business of catering to the public through the stage.

Decreased business has not been confined to the popular-price theatres, the depression in which has led to the ventilation in THE MIRROR of many theories as to the causes of a falling off in patronage. Many theatres devoted to attractions of the first class the country over have shown a falling off in patronage that is attributed more reasonably to the slump in general business and the consequent fall in values than to any other cause.

A veteran manager—one with an experience covering half a century—has declared in an interview printed recently in THE MIRROR that in spite of other conditions which have been fixed upon as causes for a bad theatrical year, the chief depressing influence during the past season has been political rather than commercial. Looking back over his fifty years in the theatre this old manager says that almost without exception he has found that the years preceding presidential elections have been disastrous to the theatre.

There are no political conditions akin to those of this country in Great Britain and Germany, but business conditions in those countries evidently have been as discouraging as those in America, and theatrical depression has followed.

It is not long ago that a cable from Berlin stated that more than a dozen theatres of the better class in that capital were on the verge of bankruptcy in consequence of the money situation. Berlin theatre managers then complained that it had been necessary in many houses to give away half of their seats in order that the public that buys tickets would be unable to discern the real situation.

News from London a little later was to the effect that theatres there were suffering from the worst slump in years—a condition that THE MIRROR's own correspondence verified—and that the percentage of failures among new plays was alarming. This condition has not materially changed, and inasmuch as the preceding season in London was disastrous, many managers may find it difficult to meet another season the success of which will be problematical.

Last season in London, it is said, not more than thirty plays out of one hundred produced even paid the expenses of production, and of the thirty not more than five were decidedly successful, leaving the proportion of winners only one in twenty. The failures or comparative failures of that year in London were said to represent a combined loss to managers of about \$2,000,000. This experience will probably be paralleled by the results of the present London season, and the closing season in New York will not be far different in results.

Thus it is seen that theatrical stagnation has been general.

AMUSEMENT COMPANIES INCORPORATED.

Articles of incorporation for the following amusement companies were filed with the Secretary of State at Albany the past week: South Brooklyn Amusement Company, New York; capital \$5,000; directors, Elizabeth G. Blomquist, Elizabeth M. Green, and Louise K. Wood. New York. Pittsburgh Park Company, New York (amusement); capital, \$2,500; directors, John Catlow, South Orange, N. J., James Richardson, New York City, and John A. Cole, Hackensack, N. J. The Seashore Construction Company, New York (amusement); capital \$10,000; directors, Albert Bergman, William G. Koch and Peter Koch, New York.

WILLIAM H. CRANE TO RETIRE.

William H. Crane has announced his determination to retire from the stage when his present play, *Patience*, and the *Boys*, shall have outlived their usefulness. He will continue in this place all of next season, commencing at the Empire Theatre late in August, and perhaps for still another season. He is now sixty-three years old, and not so strong in health as his appearance indicates. This summer Mr. and Mrs. Crane will go abroad.

DECISION ON WEEKLY CONTRACTS.

Judge Gildersleeve, Dayton and Searby, in the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court, delivered a decision on May 12 to the effect that hereafter when an actor signs a receipt for weekly salary containing the printed memorandum "This hiring is a weekly hiring only," it will be so considered in law, despite the custom of the profession to consider that an engagement is for the entire season.

PERSONAL.



Photo Woodward, Flatbush, N. Y.

KEENAN.—The Warrens of Virginia having closed, Frank Keenan will prepare to go to Europe for a month's rest. On his return he will join his family at Lake Champlain, and during the summer he will lecture on the drama at Chautauque. Mr. Keenan is pictured above on his favorite horse at Lake Champlain, where he spent a part of last summer.

WARFIELD.—David Warfield, accompanied by Mrs. Warfield and her sister, Miss Pratt, sailed last Wednesday on the *Hamburg*, to spend some time in Italy, Germany and France. Mr. Warfield will meet David Belasco in London in June to arrange for the former's London appearance.

BATES.—Mrs. Marie Bates, for many years a member of Mr. Warfield's company, sailed last week on the *Meuse*. With Mrs. Charles B. Hogg and Miss Marion Force Miss Bates will pass the summer in Europe and Northern Africa, their itinerary including a trip by easy stages from Tangiers to Ireland. Miss Bates will return in time to open with Mr. Warfield in *A Grand Army Man* and *The Music Master*, which plays will make a tour to the Pacific Coast.

FROHMAN.—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Frohman (Margaret Illington) left on May 14 for a month's vacation in Arizona and Colorado.

BELLEVUE.—Kyrle Bellevue left last week on the *Kronprinzessin Cecilie* for Europe.

HARRIS.—Elmer B. Harris started last week for Prince Edward's Island, where he will remain for two months. He is completing a play, which will be produced in New York early next season by Henry B. Harris.

ANDREWS.—Fred G. Andrews, who had been visiting in New York in connection with his business as manager of the Ferris Stock company, which played the season at the Auditorium, Los Angeles, and will be located at Minneapolis during the summer, left last week to arrange for the opening in the latter city. Mrs. Andrews remains in New York for a time in the interest of her several plays.

COMSTOCK.—Nannette Comstock sailed on the *Baltic*, on May 14, to remain abroad all summer.

STARR.—Frances Starr will sail for Europe Thursday to spend her vacation abroad with her sister, Mrs. Gladwell.

HARLAN.—Otis Harlan has been engaged by R. C. Whitney as principal comedian in *A Broken Idol*, which is to succeed *Three Twins* at Whitney's Opera House, Chicago.

ANGLIN.—Margaret Anglin closed her season in *The Great Divide* at St. Paul last Saturday. She will sail from Vancouver for Australia on May 22.

WYCHERLY.—Margaret Wycherly has been engaged to play leading roles with the Albee Stock company at Providence.

GOODMAN.—Julius Eckert Goodman, formerly on the staff of THE MIRROR, and author of the play in which Louis Mann is to appear next season, and of several other dramas, was married on May 10 to Mai Farr Pfouts, at Batte, Mont.

GRIFFIN.—Gerald Griffin has been engaged for the new stock company that will open at the West End Theatre on May 25. It is possible that Mr. Griffin may give up his annual European trip, and remain with the company during the entire summer.

ANDERSON.—W. E. Anderson, dramatic editor of *The Des Moines Capital*, of Des Moines, Ia., is in town and stopping at the Hotel Knickerbocker. Mr. Anderson is one of the few dramatic editors of interior cities who regularly visit New York in the interest of their work as well as for recreation.

GAIETY THEATRE TO OPEN IN AUGUST.

The Gaiety Theatre, which has been built for Cohen and Harris at Forty-sixth street and Broadway, will be ready for occupancy early in August. Extra precautions have been taken to prevent fire and the house will be one of the safest in New York. The auditorium will seat between 900 and 1,000 persons. It has been arranged so as to give every auditor a perfect view of the stage. The fire curtains are of steel and so arranged that it can be lowered from several points on the stage. A new musical play now being written by George M. Cohen will be the opening bill in August.

ED F. REYNARD.

Ed F. Reynard, whose picture appears on the first page of THE MIRROR, is known as "the ventriloquist with a production." Unlike the average ventriloquist, who is content to use two or three figures, Mr. Reynard carries the entire acting cast in his act, the numerous figures being substituted at various points, and controlled by intricate mechanism, all of which was invented by and is under the direction of Mr. Reynard himself. His act is undoubtedly the most elaborate ventriloquist specialty in vogue at the present time, but not satisfied with his success, he has prepared for next season a still more original offering that will contain many surprises. Mr. Reynard began his career as a musician, and one evening it occurred to him that magic and ventriloquism would go well together, and he framed up a unique specialty that made a decided hit. Some years ago he decided to confine himself to ventriloquism, and his knowledge of music helped him in arranging his specialty, which is in a class by itself. He has appeared with success in Europe, and has standing offers of return engagements on the other side of the ocean. It is probable, however, that he will be in America all of next season, as he has no difficulty in keeping his date book filled in his own country.

AMELIA BUGHMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Amelia Bughman was elected president of the Professional Women's League at a meeting of the league held on May 12. She succeeds Mrs. Suzanne Leonard Westford, who on account of the recent death of her husband has been obliged to go on the road. The members of the Executive Committee are Mrs. Leona Leonard Ross, Mrs. Nell de Rivera, Mrs. E. H. Price, Mrs. Sara E. Knowles, and Mrs. Diana H. Lagan. Mrs. E. L. Fernandez was chosen chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

FOR THE FOLLIES OF 1908.

The principals engaged by F. Ringfield, Jr., for the Follies of 1908, began rehearsals under the direction of Herbert Graham in the New Amsterdam Theatre last Tuesday morning. The cast includes Dickel and Watson, Arthur Dugan, Barney Bernard, Billie Reeves, Lee Harrison, William C. Schrode, Nora Bayes, Lucy Weston Grace La Rue, Annabelle Whitford, Grace Leigh, Lillian Lee, Elphage Snowden and Dada. The chorus and special features will be rehearsed by Julian Mitchell in the New York Theatre.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

A Copyright Paradox.

DENVER, COLO., May 9.

To the Editor of THE DRAMATIC MIRROR:

SIR: In a recent issue of THE MIRROR, in the column allotted to "Copyrighted Plays," appeared the titles of two of the plays of our dear old friend Shakespeare, copyrighted by "So and So," namely, *The Merchant of Venice* and *Twelfth Night*.

There are enough of us out here who feel quite interested in the above, and we would be pleased to have THE MIRROR tell us by what right of pre-emption, purchase or other means of authority "copyrighting" can be done.

I remember a few years ago, just before Everyman was produced on this side a certain party made a copy of the same from an old volume in the British Museum, brought the copy to the States and entered it for copyright. I wondered then that THE MIRROR made no comment in reference to a work that had been the world's property for three times as long as Shakespeare's works. But now that some one wants to "hog" a universal property, do please tell us what the same sharks don't try to copyright the Lord's Prayer or the Ten Commandments or the Song of Solomon. Seriously, dear MIRROR, a few lines of comment in your pages will be greatly appreciated. Cordially, DENVER HANCOCK.

[The mere "copyrighting" of titles, or even of those of Shakespeare's plays, does not convey any rights in literary or dramatic property that have been settled and accepted. As readers of THE MIRROR no doubt long ago concluded, from perusal of the lists of plays copyrighted published from time to time, there are many titles in these copyright lists that cannot be claimed by persons who merely pay a small fee to the Librarian of Congress for the privilege of having their names associated with them. There are, of course, certain original rights that may be conserved and protected by complying with the rules of the copyright office, but there is no protection for any person who may seek to secure to himself something to which he has no right or title.—Ed. MIRROR.]

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

[No replies by mail. No attention paid to anonymous, impertinent or irrelevant queries. No private addresses furnished. Questions regarding the whereabouts of players will not be answered. Letters to members of the profession addressed to care of THE MIRROR will be forwarded if possible.]

B. M. W., Cleveland, Ohio: The cast of *Under Two Flags*, in which Blanche Bates appeared in 1901, was as follows: Hon. Bertie Cecil, Francis Carlyle; John, Earl of Rockingham, Macklyn Arbuckle; Rake, Edwin S. Abeles; Countess of Westminster, Rose Snyder; Lady Venetia Lyonesse, Margaret Robinson; Marquis of Chatterbox, Campbell Gollen; Lord Constantine, Arthur Bruce; Pierre Baroni, Albert Brunsing; Rene Baroni, Grace Elliston; Maitre Servigne, Frank Browning; General Lamoriciere, Matt Snyder; Paul Lamoriciere, Madge West; Captain De Chantillon, Beresford Webb; Rocco Maboull, Frank Leyden; Beau Bruno, Todd Johnson; Grizzly Beard, James Allen; Tiger Claw, W. J. Welch; Tictac, George Gaston; Abd-el-Kareem, Albert Brunsing; Bon Allam, William Sions; Si Hassan, W. B. Smith; Amineh, Mrs. F. M. Bates; Nouraddin, Arthur Benson; Yousuf, Malcolm Gunn; a Missionary, Robert Tice; a Settler, Lem Roberts; Felicia, Mary Bayly; Clarette, Blanche Bates.

MILTON DARLING, Omaha: The cast of *The Squaw Man*, as produced at Wallack's on Oct. 23, 1905, was as follows: Henry Wynnegan, Herbert Smith; Diana, Selma Johnson; Lady Blimberth Wynnegan, Selma Fetter Royle; Lady Mabel Wynnegan, Katherine Fisher; Captain James Wynnegan, William Faverham; Rev. Deaneham Chiswick, Frederick Forrest; Bates, C. A. Carlton; Malcolm, Fredrick Roland; Sir John Appleton, Cecil Ward; the St. Bar, the Bishop of Exeter, William Brille; Sir Charles Marjoribanks, Brigham Boyce; Mrs. Chichester Chichester Jones, Ella Duncan; Big Bill, George Fawcett; Shorty, Emmett Shackelford; Andy, Bertram A. Marbury; Crouchy, Mitchell Lewis; Baco White, Baco White; Tahyana, Theodore Roberts; Nat-o-ritch, Mabel Morrison; Little Hal, Evelyn Wright; Cash Hawkins, W. S. Hart; Nick, Frederick Watson; McMorley, Mortimer Martin; Parker, Wells Edward Knibbs; Pete, W. H. Sadler; Parson, Chester White; Punk, Joseph Judge; Mrs. Hiram Doolittle, Lillian Wright; Mr. Hiram Doolittle, Boyd Southey; Bud Hardy, William Frederick.

Verandah was produced at the Broadway on Oct. 26, 1905, with the following cast: Florence de Villacourt, Lawrence Ross; Mrs. Ross, Lenot, Aubrey Fitzgerald; Scorchin, Ralph Davis; Octave, John Malcolm; Felicia, Leslie Sadler; Max, James Grant; Achilles, Max Shapiro; Olerdy, Richard Deliver; Monsieur Copeland, John Le Hay; Emmerance, Lena Withland; Agatha, Kitty Gordon; Aunt Beant, Randle Sauter; Denise, Valli-Valli; Sophie, Madge Vinton; Lucia, Ruby Delmar; Zoe, Florence Plunkett; Lucille, Beulah Martin; Helene de Solange, Ruth Vincent.

Man and Superman was produced at the Hudson on Sept. 5, 1905. The cast was as follows: Rebeck Hamden, Louis Mamon; Parlor Maid, Pauline Anthony; Octavius Robinson, Alfred Hickman; John Tanner, Robert Lorraine; Ann Whitfield, Fay Davis; Mrs. Whitfield, Eda Frances Clark; Susan Hamden, Sally Williams; Violet Robinson, Clara Woodard; Harry Straker, Edward Ables; Hector Mison, Jr., Richard Bennett; Hector Mison, Sr., J. D. Beveridge.

THE USHER



G. B. Shaw—lately called Bernard Shaw—is again the target for London critics, but as his latest "play" was written, as he says, to get even with the critical gentry, he can find no fault with animadversion.

The "play," so-called, entitled *Getting Married*, is no play at all, and apparently it does not pretend to be. Shaw has turned the theatre into a medium for his ideas, and, assured of a hearing there, has little care as to his vehicles as long as he may talk with the tongues of various characters.

In *Getting Married* there is no action because the wedding does not happen. The ceremony is off, while the characters wait in church for the parties, because the intended bridegroom had been reading a socialist's essay on "Men's Wrongs" in bed that morning, and the bride, instead of dressing, had been perusing, "Do You Know What You Are Going to Do? By One Who Has Done It."

There is fine humor in the reasons given for these important absences from the altar, but no drama.

As the principals to the wedding were both afraid to venture the "dramatist" leaves his congregation in church to talk over the main and cognate subjects. The talkers are a bishop with extreme social views, his wife—a typical general, a confirmed old maid, a couple who have been divorced, the man the divorced wife is going to marry when the decree is made absolute, an Anglican priest, a mayor, and an alderman in the grocery trade, and others. After three-quarters of an hour the curtain was dropped to give the audience a rest; then, after fifty-eight minutes more, the audience was given another chance to recover, and after ten minutes the talk began again.

Outside of the patrons of melodrama there probably are many persons who would enjoy the dialogue, which, no doubt, a large number would delight to read. A typical speech is this, by the old maid: "Why should we take our husbands for life, for better or worse, any more than we do our cooks, our generals or our Prime Ministers? Their conduct is much more important to us than Balfour's or Asquith's." It is needless to add that this is no maiden lady of advanced years speaking, but Shaw himself; and he also talks and preaches paradoxes in guise of the bishop, the general, the divorced persons, and the persons in the grocery trade.

Still, Shaw will be compelled to write drama if he hopes to continue to occupy the stage.

In discussing Gordon Craig's bi-dimensional theatre, the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, says:

Without at present going too deeply into the dramatic features of Mr. Craig's reform movement, it is obvious that the change will materially reduce the expense now attendant upon the presentation of popular plays. It will no longer be necessary for the ghost to walk at stated intervals, and bills of expense for the transportation of scenery will be reduced to a minimum. An actor saved from an inch plank would require no understudy, and would not break the heart and nerve of a manager by demanding a raise of salary before the curtain could be rung up before a full house. There would be no expense for the transportation of the members of a company, as under Mr. Craig's plan the same plank actor would suffice to represent Othello or the Lone Fisherman and could be kept in stock. There would be no spiral staircases excepting in the mind of the beholder, and imagination would be relied upon to transform a donjon keep into a fairy bower. It is to be feared that, while the quasi-shadow plays presented by the moving picture machines are enjoying a degree of popularity, it will be necessary to carefully educate the general theatre-going people to a point where they will rapturously demand that a basswood profile actor come before the curtain and favor the audience with a speech.

Unfortunately the great majority of theatre-goers cannot be expected to grasp and sympathize with the notions of poetic and eccentrically artistic natures, and no degree of education possible to the mass will lead it to prefer the basswood profile even to the imperfect actor of the day. Thus, there is no immediate possibility of the great reduction in expenses of dramatic representation suggested in the foregoing.

Commenting on an answer to a correspondent in *The Mirror* relative to Sardou's *Divorçons*, the *Rochester Union and Advertiser* says:

The Mirror is in error in saying that Rejane appeared in the play at Abbey's in 1895. Abbey's Park Theatre was burned long before Rejane came to this country, more than a decade before.

The Mirror did not say "Abbey's Park Theatre," but Abbey's Theatre. The *Union*

and *Advertiser* forgets that Madame Rejane did appear at Abbey's Theatre in 1895, and that the theatre, upon the extinction of the Abbey interest in it, was renamed, and has since been known as the Knickerbocker Theatre.

The Methodist General Conference at Baltimore has through its governing officials decided to leave in its "discipline" the ban on amusements.

This does not affect the fact that there is a very large body even in this church of attempted arbitrary rule that insists upon the abolition of the order against theatre-going and the like.

It is probable that the dissentients from the ancient law of this church will be increased in number rather than diminished because of the failure of the governors of the denomination to recognize the trend of modern life.

ACTORS' FUND OF AMERICA.

Lack of Interest Shown in the Annual Meeting—A Big Deficiency Reported.

The Actors' Fund of America held its twenty-seventh annual meeting at the Hudson Theatre last Tuesday afternoon, May 12. About 100 of the members were present, the attendance being limited to members who had paid up their dues.

The following officers were re-elected: Daniel Frohman, president; Joseph R. Grismer, first vice-president; Antonio Pastor, second vice-president; Henry B. Harris, treasurer; Frank McKee, secretary. The following trustees were elected for two years: Al Hayman, F. P. Mackay, William H. Crane, Heinrich Conried, Joseph Brooks, Thomas McGrath, Alf Hayman, and Frank Burbeck.

Daniel Frohman presided at the meeting. He said that on account of the small attendance at this and previous meetings the audiences who have paid their dues, but that the entire profession would be invited to attend. The splendid condition of the administration under Mr. Stevens being admirable in every respect, and that the Actors' Fund is to be congratulated on the splendid home it possesses.

Mr. Frohman, after being re-elected president, said that he had served the Actors' Fund twenty-seven years, and that he would be very happy to continue his connection with the Fund in the capacity of president. He then called upon Mr. Mackay for a few words.

Mr. Mackay said that sixty-eight members had been admitted to the Actors' Home since it was established, and that the occupancy of the home at present number twenty-nine. He said that he had been a member of the Fund since 1889, and that his interest in the work has never flagged. Mr. Mackay dwelt on the scope of the work of the Fund eloquently and forcefully, describing its benefits to the profession. He also thought that all the members of the profession should be invited to its meetings in the hopes of interesting a greater number in the work of the institution.

Mr. Frohman then called upon William H. Crane. Mr. Crane deplored the absence of so many of the members and said that it seemed a pity that the actor could not give one hour out of fifty-two weeks to the situation of the Fund. He said there was not a profession in the world so hard to interest and at the same time no class of men so ready and willing to come forward with financial assistance in the cause of charity. Milton Nobles, one of the oldest members of the executive committee, offered a resolution asking all managers to insert a clause in their contracts with actors providing that on the fourth week of their engagements \$2 be taken out of the salary of each as dues for the Actors' Fund. The resolution was passed and the proposition will be made to all managers.

George W. Sammis was present as a representative of the Friars, and announced that his organization would give 10 per cent. of the box-office receipts of their festival. The offer was accepted. The treasurer's report showed that the total receipts for the year have been \$94,000, and the expenditures \$122,004, leaving a deficit of \$28,234. Investments made for the society amounted to \$155,904, the interest on this amount not being sufficient to cover the deficit.

Through the efforts of Henry B. Harris twenty-five per cent. of the proceeds of the ship's concert on the *Lusitania's* eastward passage last week was given to the Actors' Fund of America. Mr. Harris crossed on that steamer. He expects to be able to persuade officers of other vessels to agree to give part of the concert receipts to the Fund instead of devoting the entire amount to the Seamen's Home, as has been the custom.

GOLDEN GATE PROFESSIONAL CLUB.

The Golden Gate Professional Club, composed of persons connected with the stage, music, journalism and art who have lived five years or more in California, will hold a reception and entertainment in the ballroom of the Hotel Plaza Sunday evening, May 24. The president of the club, Mrs. Beaumont Packard, will preside and among the prominent guests who have been invited are Mark Twain, Joseph Redding, William R. Hearst, Homer Davenport, and David Belasco, the two latter being members of the club. The programme will consist of remarks by the president and some of the guests of honor, and several musical numbers by distinguished artists, including the Lyric Quartette, Teresa M. Brown, Nacette Hammond, George F. Gillet, and Frederic Thomson; the Palevich Instrumental Trio, Editha, Isabelle and Clotilde Palevich; Edgar Allen, basso, and the Metropolitan String Orchestra of twenty pieces. The Golden Gate Professional Club now has 130 members.

FOR THE HIDE-A-WEE NONE.

A benefit performance in aid of the Hide-a-Wee Home for Animals was given in the Astor gallery of the Waldorf-Astoria last Friday afternoon. The feature of the entertainment was a "dramatic episode," *The Second Story Man*, by Edward Fales Coward.

There were three characters: a crook, played by Hevlin Benson; a blackmailer, acted by Mr. Coward himself; and a lady, played by Mrs. William Newland Amory.

The other plays were Brander Matthews's *Frank Wythe*, Mrs. Hilary Regrets, and *A Game of Cards*. Evert Jansen Wendell made his ninety-eighth appearance as the chevalier in the last.

Cecilia Loftus's imitations included Ethel Barrymore in Sunday, *Battle Williams*, Mine, *Nasimova*, and of an Englishwoman boarding a car. Walker Marcus Bennett staged the plays.

The balance of \$1000 needed to purchase a country home for the society was realized.

TO ENLARGE THE HUDSON.

The Hudson Theatre is to be enlarged by adding a new story over the foyer on Forty-fourth Street and remodeling the present lobby. The improvements are to be made for Henry R. Harris, as owner.

THE WOLF FOR LONDON.

The Wolf, Eugene Walter's play now running at the Lyric Theatre, will be produced in a few weeks at the Shaftesbury Theatre in London. Paid in Full will not be produced there until next season.

MARIE DREMLER TO BE MANAGER.

Marie Drempler will return to London next week with the scenario of a new musical comedy which she will produce under her own management. Edgar Smith and Maurice Levi are the authors.

THE FRIARS' FESTIVAL.

A REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL EVENT AT THE NEW YORK THEATRE.

More Than \$15,000 Realized from a Varied Performance and Other Effort—A Profitable Programme—Review of the Entertainment, Which Was Enthusiastically Applauded.

The people passed along the streets.

The pokers hurried past.

The lobby crowd was buying seats.

The house was filling fast.

The programmes sold for dollars per.

The day meant joy for all.

And why? Because the Friars were

To give their Festival.

At one o'clock began the fun.

And many were the calls.

A cheer went out for every one.

That shook the very walls.

And why was this, this mad'ning mirth?

Well, here's the way of things:

You always get your money's worth

When Friars pull the strings.

The amount realized by the Friars at their festival in the New York Theatre last Thursday afternoon, May 14, was a little more than \$15,000. Nearly \$6,000 of this amount was realized from the programmes, which were the most elaborate ever turned out in New York. The Friars will give 10 per cent. of their box office receipts to the Actors' Fund.

The entertainment began at 1 o'clock and lasted until 4. Victor Herbert started things with his orchestra, and then came "The Marvellous Japs," who were not on the programme, but whom everybody was glad to see, because they really did marvelous things and were very entertaining. Then George Beban gave an imitation of Novelli and his interpreter. The imitation was an adaptation from a previous one of recent memory. But it was funny just the same, even if it did have the blue pencil run through it. Mr. Beban also recited "The Rose," which was beautiful in itself and as well done.

La Petite Adelaide, who was on the programme as "America's Greatest Two Dancers," and no one cares to argue that point, graced the footlights for a spell that was all too brief. After Adelaide came Bijou Fernandez, W. L. Abington, and Maurice Franklin in Captain Velvet, who gave this very pleasing little sketch in their usual efficient manner.

Mabel Hite, of The Merry-Go-Round company, gave her "Chorus Girl" song, which was all to the good, and so was Mabel; you just can't help liking Mabel. Abbie Mabel.

Henry B. Dixey was to be here.

In a few imitations, but couldn't appear.

So he gave an imitation of coming around, which was a very clever thing to do under the circumstances.

No one had anything on Eddie Foy. He was right there in his checkered trousers and imitated everybody and everything. No mention of Hamlet was made in the programme, but some person or persons of doubtful character have seen fit to circulate stories about Mr. Foy to the effect that he couldn't play Hamlet. In a short speech Mr. Foy put his persecutors to rout by declaring that he had played every hamlet between here and the Coast.

Madame Josephine Jacoly of the Metropolitan Opera company sang two songs, "If Only You Were Mine," and "Love Is Tyrant," both by Victor Herbert, and conducted by the author. Olga Netherale also entertained the large audience. She gave two recitations.

After this a Friar came out and introduced two amateurs, and begged the indulgence of the audience while they were on the stage, as they were wholly unknown to the public. Then these two "amateurs" walked seemingly, out of the past into the present, for they were Low Fields and Joe Weber. The audience cheered for several minutes. Both Weber and Fields displayed some uncanniness, and then they sang "Kisses." The tones from the audience rose higher and higher. Everybody yelled. A climax to the scene was afforded when Fields kissed Weber, and the audience broke into a laugh. When things quieted down the two comedians proceeded to give their German Senator sketch, which produced just as many laughs as of old. Then they made their exits amid another outburst of cheers.

Inside of the Circle, a one act play by Eugene Walter, with a cast of two characters, was given by William Courtenay as Ferguson, and Frank Sheridan as Casey. The story of the play is that of a man named Ferguson, who has killed a disolute, adulterous, and vicious man. He has escaped to the far North and while there has become accidentally blinded. He is anxious to know if any other person was accused of the murder and gets his companion, Casey, to read him the newspapers which have just arrived. With each successive newspaper he follows the arrest and trial of a suspect and his ultimate conviction. When Ferguson learns that the man has died on the scaffold, he kills himself. The act was tiresome and lacked dramatic interest. It was evidently written before the author knew how to write plays. The actors received their due meed of praise.

George M. Cohen and three of the principal comedians from The Yankee Prince lived things up with their song hit, "Money." May Vokes, John Slavin, William Carleton, Edith Yerrington, Edward Beck, Percy Brownson, Mayme Taylor and Felix Fantus, gave an act from *A Knight for a Day*. May Vokes was never better than she was last Thursday afternoon, and took the house by storm.

Louise Dresser sang her brother's last song, "My Gal Sal" and "I Want To Be Loved Like a Leading Lady in a Regular Broadway Show."

If she means that, the Soul Kiss company, entertained with "A Few Minutes With Mephisto," and then came Cecilia Loftus in her imitable imitations. "The Friars' Frolic" closed the afternoon's entertainment, introducing the Friars' quartette, W. C. Weedon, Joseph Ratliff, E. A. Clark and W. H. Clarke, assisted by a number of other Friars in the Friars' song, which was written by Charles Emerson Cook and set to music by Victor Herbert. The costumes for this scene were by Colin S. Eaves, and the scenery by Arthur Voegtlin.

In the audience at this notable gathering were hundreds of persons prominent in the theatrical and social world; among them were Mrs. Joseph Weber, Mrs. Vanderbilt, Edna Belasco, Augusta Belasco, Mrs. Charles Emerson Cook, Welde Frances Starr, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Frohman, Friar Father Maurice Dornay, of Chicago, Fritz Scheff, Grace Van Studdiford, Sam Bernard, Mrs. Low Fields, Maurice Untermyer, Lawrence O'Grady, Theodore Lieber, Richard Golden, Mabel Talliferro, the Rogers Brothers, Mrs. Kate Ethel, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Emerson, Mrs. William G. Smythe, Miss Daisy Humphries, F. S. Jacobs, and Chauncey O'Leary. Lee Shubert, Fred Thompson and Lew Dockstader each paid \$250 for boxes. Maurice Untermyer paid \$100 for one. Augustus Thomas paid \$50 for a balcony seat, and Otis Skinner gave \$25 for another.

The programme girls, under the direction of Josephine Cohen, realized \$300 from the sale of programmes. They included Stella Tracy, Aurora East, Dorothy Bertrand, Lillian Hall, Mrs. Marie Egan, Melvina Longfellow, Etta Pearson, Dorothy Baxter, Edith Rowlands, Mrs. Taylor Holmes, and Mrs. Arthur Lieber.

Harry Garrick, one of the London Friars, arrived in New York on Tuesday with \$200 for a box. The money was subscribed at a meeting in London, which included Marcus Mayer, Fred C. Payne, George Miner, William D. Cozay and Ernest Luck.

The stage management was under the direction of Frederic Thompson, William G. Smythe, E. H. Burnside and Harry Lebnhardt.

REFLECTIONS

Beginning May 24, the West Shore Railroad will make changes in its time tables which will make it possible for passengers between New York and Albany to arrive at West Forty-second Street at 7.45 o'clock in the evening instead of at 8 as heretofore. The West Shore company will see that ferry connections are right to the minute so that no time will be lost in getting the passengers to the theatres before the performances begin.

The 375th consecutive performance of *The Merry Widow* at the New Amsterdam Theatre will be celebrated on June 13 by the distribution of Merry Widow hats to the women in the audience.

A theatre party of 250 Southerners from the Piedmont section of the Carolinas, where the scenes of the play are laid, saw *The Cansman* at the Grand Opera House last Wednesday night.

Frances Starr occupied a box at the Stuyvesant Theatre last Wednesday and witnessed a performance of *The Warrens of Virginia* for the first time.

Edna Archer Crawford, who appeared first in New York in *The Great Bully* in Daly's in 1899, and has appeared since in several important plays, has been engaged by Henry B. Harris for the chief feminine role in one of the plays he will launch early next September.

Madame Jeanne Jumelli left for Europe on the *Lorraine* on May 14. She will sing in concert in Ostend, London and Paris, and in a short season of opera at Frankfurt. She will then go to her home for a short rest and will return to America for a concert tour, opening at the Ocean Grove Festival, September 7.

Clara Clemens, contralto, and Marie Nichols, violinist, left for Europe on the *Corona* last Saturday to appear in concerts in London and Paris. Miss Clemens is a daughter of Mark Twain.

John Cort has re-engaged Edward Martindell for the coming season to play the role of Totem Pole Pete in *The Alaskan*.

Oscar Hammerstein has engaged Madame Melba to sing again at the Manhattan Opera House beginning next season. Madame Melba and Madame Tetrassini will be heard together occasionally on the same bill. Madame Melba is at present filling an engagement at Covent Garden in London.

Hugo Oliver, a singer who was reported missing last week, is not missing, but is living in New York and pursuing his studies under Albert Gerard-Thiers.

Fred Courtney, recently with William Gillette, appeared for the first time with Mr. Dixey's company at the Bijou on Tuesday evening as Doctor Andra in *Papa Lebonnard*.

Herbert Whitterspoon, the American basso, has been engaged to appear at the Metropolitan Opera House next season.

Louis Netherale, before leaving for Vancouver on his way to Australia, where he will be the business representative of Margaret Anglin during her engagement there, was the guest of honor at a farewell luncheon in the Monastery of the Friars. Abbot Wells Hawks presided.

Marc Klaw, who has been abroad for some weeks, spending his time in England and France, returned last Tuesday on the *Kroegras Wilhelms*. Mr. Klaw's return was due to the recent death of his brother Louis.

Luigi Albertini, for many years connected with the Metropolitan Opera House and last year with the San Carlo Opera Company, has been engaged by Mr. Hammerstein for next season at the Manhattan Opera House as ballet and stage director.

Frederick Emmiton has resigned from the Shubert's production of *Giri* on account of a contract made last Fall to direct the Fall Stock company at Springfield, Mass., this summer, opening on May 18.

Owing to the closing of *The College Widow* in London on May 16, John Wilmer will sail for New York on May 23.

While driving in Central Park last Wednesday afternoon Jacob Adler was thrown from his carriage when his horse skied at an automobile. He fell on his head, but was uninjured. Mrs. Adler jumped from the carriage when the horse started.

On account of the success of *The Wolf* at the Lyric, the Knickerbocker Grand Opera company did not go in that house as planned, but went into the Majestic Theatre instead, opening its season there last night.

During the dance at the end of her song, "I'm Going to Marry a Nobleman," in *The Yankee Prince*, Josephine Cohen wrenched her ankle badly. After a doctor had bandaged her foot she continued through the performance.

William Stuart and Anna Hollinger closed their season with *A Child of the Regiment* at Buffalo recently, and Miss Hollinger is playing a special engagement with Cecil Spooner in Charles E. Halsey's new play, *The Girl and the Detective*. Miss Hollinger originated the role of Lady Valmont.

Dollie Davis recently signed a two years' contract with the Vernon Amusement and will be featured the coming season as *Bunco* in *Arlequin*.

Two companies to play Fifty Miles from Boston will be sent out by Cohen and Harris next season.

Theodore Kremer sailed for Europe on the *Mauretania* last Wednesday.

CURRENT AMUSEMENTS

Week ending May 22.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—E. H. Sothern in *Lord Dundreary*—51 times, plus 6 times.
ALHAMBRA—Vaudville.
AMERICAN—Italian Grand Opera in repertoire—3d week.
ASTOR—Paid in Full—13th week—96 to 108 times.
BIJOU—Henry B. Dixey in *Papa Le Bonnard*—4th week—24 to 31 times.
CASINO—Sam Bernard in *Nearly a Hero*—13th week—97 to 103 times.
CIRCLE—The Merry-Go-Round—4th week—36 to 33 times.
COLONIAL—Vaudville.
DALY'S—Girls—9th week—65 to 72 times.
DENNY—Star Show Girls.
EMPIRE—William H. Crane in *Father and the Boys*—12th week—60 to 96 times.
GOTHAM—Sam Devere's Own.
GRAND—Al Beebe's Burlesques.
GRAND OPERA HOUSE—Chauncey Olcott in *O'Neill of Derry*—3d week, plus 6 times.
HACKETT—The Witching Hour—27th week—213 to 220 times.
HERALD SQUARE—Low Fields in *The Girl Behind the Counter*—34th week—201 to 207 times.
HIPPODROME—The Four Seasons—38th week—The Battle of Port Arthur—19th week.
HUDSON—Otis Skinner in *The Honor of the Family*—14th week—105 to 112 times.
HURTTG AND SEABORN'S MUSIC HALL—Rose Hill's Fully Burlesques.
KALKE—Yiddish Drama.
KEITH & PROCTOR'S FIFTH AVENUE—Vaudville.
KEITH & PROCTOR'S 12TH STREET—Vaudville.
KNICKERBOCKER—Four Cohans in *The Yankee Prince*—3th week—29 to 35 times.
LENNON SQUARE—Cecil Spooner in *The Dancer and the King*—27 times, plus 10 times.
LONDON—Credé, Bolles Burlesques.
LYRIC—*The Wolf*—9 times, plus 4th week—25 to 32 times.
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN—Mother's Expedition, *MAJESTIC*—Knickerbocker Grand Opera in repertoire.
METROPOLITAN—Adelaide Kelm in *The Three of Us*.
MINER'S BOWERY—American Burlesques.
MINER'S EIGHTH AVENUE—Clouds May 16.
MURRAY HILL—Roman Show.
NEW AMSTERDAM—The Merry Widow—31st week—22 to 280 times.
NEW YORK—Adeline Grace in *The Soul Kiss*—17th week—123 to 130 times.
PASTOR'S—Vaudville.
SAVOY—Henry Miller Plagen in *The Servant in the House*—5th week—65 to 72 times.
STUYVESANT—Closed May 16.
TRIALIA—The Pedler.
THIRD AVENUE—The Boy Detective.
VICTORIA—Vaudville.
WALLACK'S—The Gay Musician—1st week—1 to 9 times.
WHERRY'S—Closed May 16.
WEST END—Helen Nield Opera on in *Hamlet*.
YORKVILLE—Mildred Holland in *The Triumph of an Rascal*.

THE LONDON STAGE.

A LEAN WEEK FOR CRITICS, WITH PROMISES OF FUTURE JOY.

The Dalrymple Revived—The American Invasion Fails—Pro Tem Withdrawn—Performances by Americans—French and German Play-ers—What Will Happen Next?

(Special Correspondence of The Mirror.)

London, May 19.—Once again I have to report that a remarkably fat play-producing week has been succeeded by an extremely thin one. Indeed, there are indications looking ahead that play-producing will soon be run upon the "relation of cause" principle, which forms so important a plank among experts of the oldest science in the world—namely, agriculture. To very the metaphor, I may perhaps say that the only few ripples upon the theatrical lake this week were caused respectively by the performance of a few plays by the Play-Actors' Society last Sunday, by a few foreign performances, and by Robert Courtneidge's revival of *The Dalrymple* at the Queen's last Tuesday evening. Next week, however (as will be seen when I append my usual list of forthcoming events), there are some brightly shining stars, and another plump play-producing week again, starting, in fact, from to-night.

The worst of it is that when new plays do come many of them have a most disturbing habit of going off again very soon. In my last article I had to tell you of the sudden and swift withdrawal of your native made melodrama, *"Way Down East,"* from the Aldwych. In this article it is my regretful duty to have to notify you that your highly successful American-made melodrama, *"The College Widow,"* has so far failed to attract at the Adelphi that your Mr. Savage and our Mr. Courtneidge will withdraw it therefrom next Saturday night.

While I am sincerely sorry for the sweeping failure in London of the above-named plays, so long successful in your nation, yet I must say that the said failures are not surprising to those who are able to look beneath the surface of things. With regard to the first-named American play, its story (as I stated in my notice thereof) was of a kind so often upon one stage that it seemed trite and therefore to a degree. To you, American players, and to those of our side who (like myself) always feel a keen interest in studies of American character, the character studies interwoven with this otherwise conventional melodrama seemed attractive enough. But to the average London player, they meant little or nothing in the way of dramatic interest.

Now there seemed to be more hope for *The College Widow*, on the grounds that it was built on rollicking lines calculated to give pleasure by the sheer vivacity and the velocity of the plot, a company which, like that in *"Way Down East,"* was in every way an object lesson for confidence and competence. But again in this case, the American local color was far too strong for the average London play consumer. In fact, as I told you at the time, a glossary or lexicon explaining the American phrases and locations was issued in the form of a book to make many of our patrons feel that they were attending a performance of an utterly foreign play. It may be that these two plays, so full of American spirit, might have caught on better in the English provinces. Especially in sundry parts of East Anglia, where to this day one finds traces of three or four hundred year old local customs which (as philologists well know) form, together with sundry Elizabethan expressions, the basis of phrases which on your respective side, etc., you are using at the moment of writing.

But, after all, it is not American plays only which of late have failed to make good in London. We have had a melancholy list of native play failures, and to these I have to add that of *Pro Tem*, adapted from *Route on Train*, and produced by Cyril Maude at the Playhouse a little over a week ago. I said in the last Mirror that if this play did catch on at all it would only be through the extremely dull acting of Cyril Maude. But, alas! even this clearest of clever impressions has failed to keep the Playhouse hot boiling, and so *Pro Tem* will finish *Pro Tem* in about a week from now.

Cyril Maude is now rehearsing a new play written by Leo Trevor and Major Drury and entitled *The Lieutenant*. I regret to say that there are indications of sundry other new productions going on the trot, but as some of these may pull round I refrain at present from mentioning them by name.

Now for a few words concerning the few plays presenting ripples alluded to above. The afore-said Play-Actors' Society—a very busy body but not of hazy bodies (for they mind their own business)—gave their Sabbath night performance at the Scala. Among the items presented was a very strong little drama entitled *A Santa Lucia*, quite a tragedy in miniature, and a selection from Shakespeare's *Henry IV*, Part Two. This selection was unfortunately the very worst that could be found in all the old Bard's works, and personally I do not see much reason for its choice, especially in its isolated form. Many present, however, seemed to enjoy its inherent coarseness, including, I am sorry to say, several advanced ladies with a capital "L." The acting all round was of a very noteworthy order for young beginners.

Speaking of young beginners we have also had a performance this week by the students of the Academy of Dramatic Art which was founded by Beerhouse Tree some few years ago and was afterwards taken up by others. These students had a mixed programme at a Playhouse matinee including a mite of a German play adapted by Nigel Playfair and entitled *The Bridge*. When I tell you that the said bridge was a kind of Mantilla's scandal who lived upon his milliner wife you will readily understand what the play was about. Some of the young students (many of whom years to be full blown professionals) came through very well with this little piece and also in sundry selections, including a scene from *Plutus* not too great play *The Friar* and the *Butterfly*. In this except a very striking hit was made by a feminine beginner named Athene Seyler. Some of the students also showed great promise in dancing, fencing and deportment, in the tuition of which it will be remembered the great Mr. Turveydrop was so brilliant an exemplar.

During the week we have also had a few very interesting performances of familiar French plays, in which the chief star has been the brilliant Parisian favorite, Mlle. Despres. These have been given at the Shaftsbury, where foreign performances are the vogue of late. Moreover, a company of able German histrions under the direction of the gifted Herr Androsen have been given at the Royalty. The two principal were Herr Weg sur Holle (*The Way to Hell*), by Gustav Kaddburg, and Minna von Barnheim, by the great Lessing. I regret to say that these fine performances have drawn so few Thalers that they will be ended to-night.

The afore-said revival of *The Dalrymple* has already proved very successful at the New Queen's, and great successes were made individually by the principal members of Manager Courtneidge's very strong company, which includes the deliciously droll Dan Roderic, Andrew Manning, Statham Staples, and Fred Leslie (son of the late fine comedian of that stage name); also Florence Lloyd, Phyllis Broughton, Florence Smithson, Marie Daltin, and the Phyllis Dare. *The Dalrymple* is humorous of itself but a still further element of humor was added in connection with this revival by the fact that certain papers, in noticing the piece, thought it fit only to mention the much picture-postcard Phyllis and to ignore the many far more experienced (and may I say cleverer) players in this powerful cast.

And now for some forecast of the above indicated forthcoming fat week of play-producing events. To-night we are to see Arthur Wing Pinero's new play, *The Thunderbolt*, at the St. James'. I hear great accounts of this, and next week I hope to be able to tell you that these ac-

counts have been verified. Early next week we are to have a new poem play entitled *Lancelot*, who was, as antiquarian Mirror readers will remember, a fellow knight of Sir Gawain at King Arthur's Round Table. The play is announced by T. E. Mills, who is, I may tell you in strict confidence, not less a personage than Lord Howard de Walden. He is a very gentle-minded young aristocrat, although he is absolutely crushed beneath the weight of vast and wealthy estates. He resembles Brewster in one sense, inasmuch as he is compelled, as it were, to spend at least a quarter of a million pounds sterling per year. Young Lord Howard has in his time spent so many thousands of pounds in backing other people's plays that I suppose now he feels he might just as well spend a few thousands of pieces of eight in backing a play out of his own aristocratic head.

The afore-said *Gawain* appears in this piece, and next week you shall learn how that maligned Mirror correspondent comport himself in this lordly play.

A matinee, to be given by ladies only, in aid of the veteran actress, Mrs. John Billington, takes place at the Kingsway next Thursday. The programme will include the first act of *Diana of Dobson's* by Lena Ashwell and company; *Ten Years' Little* verse play, *The Falcon* (after *Rocaccio*) to be played by Lillah McCarthy, Decla Moore, Christine Silver and Mary Horne; a new playlet written by Conno Hamilton for Beryl Fisher and Whitford Grey, and Ben Jonson's *Every Man in His Humour*. The principal parts in this will be played by Lena Ashwell, Constance Collier, Eyle Green, Lillian Braithwaite, Glendon White and Marion Terry. Among those who will only dance (if you please) at this ladies' matinee are Pauline Chase, Madge Crickton, Beryl Mercer, Eva Moore, Kate Roke, Margaret Hailston, Marie Lohr and Aurore Lee, who is, I understand, related to your great general of the same name.

Among the ladies who will sing or recite are Mrs. Tree, Mrs. Langtry, Marie George, Margaret Cooper, Marie Delmont, Elaine Terriss, Irene Vanbrugh, Gertrude Miller and Marie Tempest. The programme being allowed to act—will take revenge by selling programmes.

Really the first important dramatic event of the coming week is the Vedreone-Barber-Harrison production at the Haymarket next Tuesday afternoon of Bernard Shaw's *Getting Married*. I say dramatic, although G. B. S. prefers to describe it as "an instructive conversation." The cast and other details concerning this new Shawian work have more than once been given by me. For the present *Getting Married* will only be played on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, but it will (if successful) go into the evening bill when Mrs. Langtry ends her Haymarket season. In the meantime I have to remark that the gifted author has been giving off to a Daily Telegraph interviewer a series of very pronounced Shawisms concerning this eagerly awaited work.

Our Irish Don was of course always a war, but it struck me that in his Shawian source in the "D. T." might be regarded by some journalists as quite too sure even for G. B. S. After a paraphrase of Sir W. S. Gilbert's Mikado's desire to condemn music hall sinners to attend a series of masses and fagots and ops at classical Monday "pops," Shaw expressed the opinion that "Most of the London critics, though very decent fellows, are only Tirois (or more music hall) critics and the Vedreone-Barber authors are the Beethoven plagues." Concerning this I should not be surprised to find a good many people also echoing Gilbert and saying, "It was doubtless very clever though I couldn't understand it."

It is grateful and comforting, however, to learn from no less an authority than Mr. Shaw himself that the materials for his one hundred and fifty minute "instructive conversation" will be found in the Church Cathedral, the Book of Common Prayer, Sydney Webb's letters to the Times on the subject of the birth rate, various legal text books on the laws of marriage, the common and table talk of the present Bishop of Birmingham and the late Bishop of London. It threatens to be quite an ecclesiastical play. What!

GAWAIN.

ACTORS' CHURCH ALLIANCE NEWS.

The May reception of the New York Chapter will be held this Thursday afternoon in the Parish House of St. Chrysostom's Chapel. The programme will be under the direction of Irene Achman. Members and friends cordially invited.

A euvre will be given this Friday evening in the Astor dining room of the Waldorf-Astoria under the direction of Mrs. Damon Lyon. Tickets may be obtained at headquarters.

The "Open Door" social was held last Tuesday evening at St. Chrysostom's Parish House, at which there were a good number present and an enjoyable evening was spent. Friends and members are requested to keep these socials in mind. They are held the first Tuesday of every month in the above parish house.

SAID TO THE MIRROR.

Mrs. Gus Banno: "In a March issue of *The Mirror*, there appeared an article of my son, Christopher Banno, that would lead one to believe that there is no living next of kin except Mable Russell, which is what I, his mother, still exist. He died in my house and was buried from there."

J. J. McCloskey: "That farming dramatic author, Augustus Thomas, said at the recent meeting of authors that the next great character for the American stage will be the intelligent American Jew. I have anticipated Mr. Thomas by twenty years in my play called *Seltz*, the Banker, which was produced some eighteen or twenty years ago at Wood's Museum, Philadelphia, and made a pronounced success. Since that time the American Hebrew has been seen mainly on the vaudeville stage. My play is now in the hands of an agent, and I advise managers to keep an eye on it."

PLAYERS FOR THE GERMAN THEATRE.

Director Baumfeld, of the New German Theatre, has concluded engagements with a number of eminent German actors and actresses, including Kurt Grosser, stage manager of the famous Meininger Court Theatre; Herr Roseler, of the Deutsches Theatre in Berlin, and Camilla Dalg, the pantomimist. Conrad Dreher, the celebrated Munich comedian, and Edmund Richter, of the Landestheater, Berlin, have signed contracts for a two months' engagement next winter. While in Paris Mr. Baumfeld obtained the rights for the first New York productions of Paul Bourget's *The Divorce* and Briceur's *Simone*, the latter a stirring problem play. Mr. Baumfeld has also contracted for the services of Professor Rolfe, the Viennese scenic designer. The opening will be on Oct. 1, with a production of William Tell.

SUES TO OUV LESSEE.

The Madison Square Garden Corporation has begun action against Henry W. Savage to dispossess him of his lease of the Garden Theatre. Mr. Savage controls the lease of the house, and the manager is Clayton Willcock, who also has charge of all the Savage booking arrangements. City Marshal Henry H. Larnum posted a notice on the door of the theatre last Tuesday, which was the first news of the action to become public. The suit is said to have been brought because of Mr. Savage's failure to keep the theatre open a specified number of weeks during the season.

THE NATIONAL PROTECTIVE UNION.

The Actors' National Protective Union at its convention in No. 8 Union Square, decided on May 13, to disband all organizations of non-residents. That means the breaking up of the organization of foreign chorus singers which ordered a general strike in the Metropolitan Opera House two years ago. Delegates were present at the convention from New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis and San Francisco.

THE STOCK COMPANIES.

MANY ORGANIZATIONS OPENING OR PREPARING FOR THE SUMMER SEASON.

Success of the Earl Burgess Company—Work of the Pekin Theatre, Chicago—The Boyer Players at Lowell—A Musical Company for the Bush Temple—Notes of Plays and Players.

Ira E. Earle, who has been playing the leading heavies at the Curtis Theatre, Denver, Col., for ten weeks, closed on May 1 to open in the same capacity in Salt Lake City at the Grand Theatre.

The Earl Burgess company, Albert H. Graybill, manager, have just closed a very successful ten weeks' stock engagement at the Curtis Theatre, Denver, and on May 7 opened a ten weeks' stock engagement at the Grand Theatre, Salt Lake City. The company jumped direct from New York City to Denver, and is one of the best stock companies in the West this season. It is produced on an elaborate scale and is using exclusively Al Woods melodrama, including *Tracked Around* the West, *Queen of the White Salmon*, *Christine Charlie*, *Convict 999*, *Dealers in White Women*, *Confessions of a Wife*, *Secret Service*, *Sam*, *Nellie the Beautiful*, *Clock Model* and others. After filling the engagement at Salt Lake City, the company are booked for a return engagement at the Curtis Theatre, Denver. Below is the roster of the company: Earl Burgess, proprietor, Albert H. Graybill, manager; Horace V. Noble, stage manager and director; George W. Scott, press representative; Mat. Kohler, carpenter; Frank Ambon, scenic artist, and Victor Gray, property man. Horace V. Noble and Dorothy Marks are playing leads, supported by Ira E. Earle, Harry Bentley, George V. Scott, Frank Whittier, Mat. Kohler, William Donovan, Jack Burns, Roy Whittier, Jr., Harry Payne, Terese Lorraine, Bessie Dainty, Amie Ince, Marie Hood, Mary Carr, Josephine C. Gray, Alice Moore and the mascot "Flirt," the Boston terrier, that has created a sensation by his wonderful trips and advertising stunts.

The *Invasion*, a new play by Walter Hackett, will have its premiere at the Pabst Theatre, Milwaukee, the week of May 18. The English Stock company has been selected to give the play its tryout, after which it has been planned to take it to McVicker's Theatre, Chicago, for the summer run.

The Pekin Theatre, State and Twenty seventh streets, Chicago, will probably close its season on or about June 1. At present the Pekinians are playing a new musical burletta by Victor H. Rosbury and Ned Adler, who wrote the Pekin burlesques, *The Merry Widow* and *The Follies of 1908*. The present Smalley-Adler offering is *The Man from Rome*, a musical burletta on *The Man from Rome*. The principals in *The Man from Rome* are: Shelton Brooks, Jerry Mills, Charles Gilpin, Allie G'illum, Lawrence Chennault, Ras Jones, Frank Montgomery, H. D. Coleman, Lottie Grady, Mae White, Pearl Brown, Arthur Wilson, Josephine De Vancor and Elie King. The production is staged by J. Ed Green. J. T. Bryans is the musical director. The definite date for closing the house this season has not been decided upon by Robert T. Moita, owner of the Pekin Theatre, because of the success of the previous burlettas.

The Boyer Players, at Hathaway's Theatre, Lowell, Mass., opened on May 4, in *The Bishop's Carriage*. There was fair business for the week. The work of Norma Winslow, leading ingenue, Orson Dunn and Carroll Daly was especially good. The full roster of the company follows: Alphonse Ehrler, Orson M. Dunn, George MacEntee, Carroll Daly, Bernard Scaphin, Westropp Saunders, Edwin Beldin, Augusta West, Julie Morton, Marguerite Blake, Mollie Revel and Norma Winslow. Westropp Saunders has made a first class stage manager. Week of May 11 the offering was *Men and Women*, with augmented cast. Louise Talbot, local society woman, and John J. Lyons, formerly of the McGovern-Nichols Company, were in the cast. The production was superior to the opening week and opening was to good business. Week of May 18, *For Fair Virginia*, is being given.

The Bush Temple dramatic stock in Chicago will close in two weeks and Will Block will take the house for musical stock, opening on May 24, with *The Lady from Lane*, by George Broadhurst and Gustav Kerker. William Currie of the play brokerage firm of Currie and Gray, will go to Chicago to direct the production.

Harry Mestayer, character juvenile, at the Burbank Theatre, Los Angeles, was married on April 27, to Mrs. Jessie D. Lockwood, of Bakersfield, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Mestayer will live at Glendale, a suburb of Los Angeles.

Owen M. Williamson opened with the Jewish Shirley company at the Auditorium Theatre, Spokane, Wash., on April 19, playing the heavy in *The Light Eternal*. The company is now in its one hundred and sixtieth week. Mr. Williamson is under contract to open with *The Sin of the Father* company in Detroit, Mich., the last week in August.

Herbert Heywood and Helen E. Davidge have given in their notice to the Ethel Fuller Stock company of Brooklyn, and have accepted an engagement with the Ferriss Stock company of Minneapolis, Minn.

The Burgess Stock closed a successful season of nine weeks at Curtis Theatre, Denver, early in May and opened in the Grand, Salt Lake City, May 10, to excellent business. It is probable that this company will return to Denver at some time in the future, exchanging places again with the Theodore Lorch company, which preceded it in Salt Lake City and succeeded it in Denver.

The following is the roster of the Pantages company at Lois Theatre, Seattle, Wash.: Alex. Pantages, manager; T. Daniel Frawley, director and leads; Allie May, leading woman; Julia Walcott, Margaret Oswald, Edith E. Monroe, Ismay Darrach, Peguina Courtney, Stanley Johns, Henry McKee, Harry F. Cummings, Philip Sheffield, Harry Glover, Robert W. Lawrence, Fred McKinley, Ray Clyde, William L. Thorne, Verna Layton and Fred C. Huchner, assistant stage manager. Week of May 10, *On the Quiet*; week of May 17, *Janice Meredith*; week of May 24, *Soldiers of Fortune*. The company has just finished a most successful week with *Leah Kleckha*. This great play proved a wonderful magnet for audiences, and the Lois not only had one of its largest weeks from the box office standpoint, but the company won the highest praise from press and public for their masterly presentation of the play. Miss May, Mr. Frawley, Mr. Johns, Mr. McKee, Mr. Sheffield and Mr. Cummings had the leading roles and were very successful.

Arthur J. Wood, after playing a three weeks' engagement with the May Homer company at the Imperial Theatre, St. Louis, will be a member of the West End Park stock company, that city, for the summer.

Among the engagements for the new stock company of the West End Theatre are Agnes Scott, Louise Randolph, Miss Melville, Hall Thurston, Bob Crimmins, Gerald Griffin, Charles M. Shea, and John Dillon. Barry O'Neal will be stage director.

Doris Hardy opened with the Poll Stock at Scranton, Pa., last night, as the flower girl in *Mistress Nell*.

CUES.

Virian Ogden, for the past two seasons with Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, is now with *The Merry-Go-Round*, at the Circle Theatre.

Connie Ediss was ill and out of the cast of *The Girl Behind the Counter* last Wednesday afternoon. Lottie Fremont played her role.

Max Hirschfeld has been re-engaged as musical director of *The Red Mill* next season. He will spend his vacation in Europe.

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REVIEWS OF NEW PLAYS

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enunciation is always clear and distinct, and she gives her strong scenes their full intensity of feeling. The patrons of the Metropolitan are getting Broadway acting at popular prices. Mr. Robinson played the part of Friar Lawrence with entire credit. Thurston Hall gave an excellent performance in the role of Romeo. Miss McNeil made a very agreeable Lady Capulet. Mrs. Mathilde Dushon gave a careful and satisfactory performance as the nurse. The rest of the cast was in very capable hands. It was as follows: Montague, Langdon West; Capulet, George Robinson; Paris, Chauncy Keim; Mercutio, Jack Fitzsimmons; Benvolio, Thomas F. Fallon; Tybalt, Alexander Kearney; Balthazar, Franklin Byron; Peter, William F. Arnold; Apothecary, Langdon West; Servant, Clarence E. Nelson; Page, Clara Austin. This week, *The Three of Us*.

West End—Faust.

For the third week of the Helen Noldi Opera company at the West End Faust was presented. Marguerite was sung by Madame Noldi, and Charlotte Grosvenor, alternating. Miss Grosvenor was making her first appearance on the operatic stage, and in spite of nervousness attending such an experience, her singing and acting proved very agreeable. Georgia Strauss sang Siebel, and Juliette Roslyn, Martha E. Giaccone and C. Calvert were alternates as Faust, and A. Alberti and G. Chapman had the role of Valentin. W. L. Herbert was the Mephistopheles, and A. Suttini appeared as Wagner. This, the last week of the season, the offering is *Rigoletto*.

American—Italian Opera.

The repertoire of Abramson's Italian Grand Opera company at the American Theatre last week was as follows: Monday, *Cavalleria Rusticana* and *I Pagliacci*; Tuesday night and Saturday matinee, *La Traviata*; Wednesday matinee, Lucia; Wednesday night, *Aida*; Thursday, *Il Trovatore*; Friday, *Rigoletto*; Saturday night, Faust. Edith Helena appeared as Violetta in *La Traviata* on Tuesday evening, singing the music with much charm and brilliancy. Business has been excellent since the season began and the stay of the company is indefinite.

At Other Playhouses.

THALIA.—David Kessler in *The Spell*, was the attraction here last week. Mr. Kessler playing the character he originated last spring. The remainder of the cast was as follows: Reed, Arthur J. Rikkin; Langley, Leslie Moreno; Blankford, Milton Taylor; Green, John F. Doyle; O'Reilly, George Leonard; Detective, John Fenton; Butler, Ed. Woods; Walter, H. M. Bailey; Emily Miller, Lella Shaw; Mrs. Blankford, Camille Crease; Elizabeth Baker, Mabel Hope. This week, Samuel Thornberg in *The Peddler*.

STUYVESANT.—The Warrens of Virginia ended its run here last Saturday. The house will re-open late in August with the same play.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—The Clansman was last week's attraction here. This week, Chauncy Olcott in *O'Neill of Derry*.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Fritz Scheff ended her engagement in Mile. Modiste last Saturday night. This week E. H. Sothern begins his annual Spring season at this house, opening with *Our American Cousin*.

THIRD AVENUE.—Harry Clay Blaney and Kitty Wolfe are appearing here this week in *The Boy Detective*.

WISCONSIN.—This house closed for the summer last Saturday night, to reopen on Aug. 17 with *Faith in Fall*.

WALLACK'S.—The Gay Musician replaced *A Knight for a Day* here last night.

MAJESTIC.—The Knickerbocker Grand Opera company, headed by Madame Padovani, began a season of opera here last night.

GOSSIP.

The rights to *It Happened in Nordanland* have been bought by John Curt, who will send the play out on the Pacific Coast next season.

Ernest Lanson and the Fuller children have been engaged for *The Traveling Salesman* for next season, by Henry R. Harris.

Charles C. Paterson, after twenty years in the theatrical profession, has entered the law office of Samuel A. Jacobson, for the general practice of law.

Lora Lide, George E. Mack and J. Forrest Huff have been engaged for *The Alaskan* for next season.

Tom Waters will star next season in *Cooling Thro' the Rye*.

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PLAYS OF THE YEAR.

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- *Auto Race, The, Nov. 21, Hippodrome.
 *Awakening, The, Feb. 18, Daly's, 8 times.
 *Bachelor's House, A, March 30, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock).
 *Bad Boy and His Teddy Bears, The, Dec. 23, Blaney's Lincoln Square, 44 times; Jan. 20, Fourteenth Street; Feb. 10, West End; total, 64 times.
 *Bandana Land, Feb. 3, Majestic, 80 times.
 *Barbara Fritchie, Feb. 17, Harlem Opera House (stock); May 4, Metropolitan (stock).
 *Battle of Port Arthur, The, Jan. 6, Hippodrome.
 *Battle of the Butterflies, The, March 9, Daly's, 3 times.
 *Becky Sharp, March 30, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Bedford's Hope, March 23, Fourteenth Street.
 *Belle of Mayfair, The, Oct. 7, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 148 times.
 *Belle of Richmond, The, Aug. 12, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Bella, The, Feb. 3, West End, 5 times.
 *Benevolent Bear, The, Dec. 7, Lyric, 1 time.
 *Bertha, the Sewing Machine Girl, Sept. 18, Thalia; Nov. 11, Fourteenth Street; Dec. 2, New Star.
 *Big Stick, The, Feb. 24, West End; March 18, Metropolitan; March 23, Yorkville.
 *Billy the Kid, Aug. 3, New Star; Aug. 12, Thalia.
 *Blackmailers of New York, The, Sept. 9, New Star.
 *Blackhead, The, Jan. 1, German, 12 times.
 *Blue Jeans, May 20, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *Blue Moon, The, March 30, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 84 times.
 *Boys of Broadway, 3, The, Lyceum (continued from previous record), 96 times; Aug. 24, Grand Opera House, 9 times; Nov. 11, Harlem Opera House (stock); Dec. 2, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *Boy With the Boodle, The, Sept. 16, Metropolitan; Jan. 20, New Star.
 *Brewster's Millions, Hudson (continued from previous record), 129 times; Jan. 13, Grand Opera House, 8 times; March 18, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 179 times.
 *Broadway After Dark, Sept. 9, Thalia; March 25, American; April 6, New Star.
 *Brook of Broadway, Sept. 2, Grand Opera House, 9 times; total in New York, 187 times.
 *Builders, The, May 20, Astor, 17 times.
 *Bunce in Arizona, Sept. 30, American; Nov. 4, Metropolitan; Dec. 8, Yorkville; Dec. 18, Fourteenth Street; Jan. 6, Thalia; Feb. 4, New Star.
 *Burglar and the Lady, The, Oct. 14, American; Oct. 28, Metropolitan; Dec. 18, Yorkville.
 *Buster Brown, Dec. 2, West End; Dec. 16, Metropolitan.
 *Busy Day's Boodle, April 6, West End.
 *Camille, June 10, Metropolitan (stock); July 8, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock); Feb. 27, Thalia (Netherland).
 *Candida, Dec. 11, Berkeley Lyceum, 30 times.
 *Candy Kid, The, Oct. 28, Yorkville; Nov. 18, American.
 *Captain Walrus, Feb. 20, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Card King of the Coast, The, Dec. 20, American; Jan. 20, Thalia; April 13, New Star.
 *Carmen, July 1, Harlem Opera House (stock); Feb. 24, Daly's (Netherland); May 6, Grand Opera House (Netherland).
 *Castle, The, Jan. 23, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Cat and the Fiddle, The, Dec. 16, West End.
 *Cathleen ni Houlihan, Dec. 2, Berkeley Lyceum, 10 times.
 *Caught in the Rain, Garrick (continued from previous record), 225 times; March 23, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 233 times.
 *Celebrated Case, A, June 17, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Celebrated Woman, The, Dec. 28, German, one time.
 *Charity Ball, The, Dec. 9, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue.
 *Child of Nature, A, March 10, Daly's, 5 times.
 *Child of the Regiment, A, Oct. 14, Thalia.
 *Child Shall Lead Them, A, Oct. 14, Fourteenth Street; Oct. 21, Thalia; Jan. 6, Metropolitan; Jan. 20, Yorkville.
 *Children of the Sun, The, March 12, Daly's, 4 times.
 *Chinatown Charlie, Jan. 13, New Star; March 2, Fourteenth Street; March 18, Thalia.
 *Chorus Girl's Luck in New York, A, Aug. 3, Fourteenth Street; Sept. 23, American.
 *Chorus Lady, The, Hackett (continued from previous record), 270 times; Nov. 23, Hudson, 23 times; total in New York, 293 times.
 *Christian, The, May 27, Yorkville (stock).
 *Christian Pilgrim, The, Nov. 11, Liberty, 14 times.
 *Cinderella, Dec. 23, German, 9 times.
 *Clansman, The, May 11, Grand Opera House.
 *Clamateur, Aug. 20, Hudson, 102 times.
 *Comet, The, Dec. 30, Bijou, 56 times.
 *Coming of Mrs. Patrick, The, Nov. 9, Madison Square, 13 times.
 *Contestante, Bijou (continued from previous record), 76 times; Sept. 2, Bijou, 25 times; total in New York, 101 times.
 *Convict and the Girl, The (see Jessie Left the Village), Oct. 21, New Star; Dec. 9, Thalia.
 *Convict's Love, Aug. 5, Thalia; Aug. 19, American; Nov. 11, New Star.
 *Countess Du Barry, Feb. 3, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock).
 *County Fair, The, Jan. 6, West End; April 13, Fourteenth Street.
 *Cowboy Girl, The, Jan. 27, New Star.
 *Cowboy and the Lady, Jan. 27, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock).
 *Cowboy and the Squaw, The, Aug. 19, New Star; Sept. 14, Fourteenth Street; Dec. 23, Thalia; May 4, Thalia.
 *Crackdown, The, March 9, Metropolitan; March 14, Yorkville.
 *Curse of Orin, The, Feb. 3, Fourteenth Street.
 *Dalymania, The, Aug. 26, Criterion, 86 times; Feb. 24, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 94 times.
 *Dancer and the King, The, May 27, Blaney's Lincoln Square, 17 times; Sept. 5, Metropolitan, 4 times; Nov. 4, West End, 6 times.
 *David Garrick, March 9, Metropolitan; March 16, Yorkville.
 *Denon, The, Feb. 6, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Deadwood Dick's Last Shot, Dec. 23, Fourteenth Street; Feb. 10, New Star; Feb. 23, Thalia.
 *Demetrius Chance, A, Oct. 7, Third Avenue (stock).
 *Dion O'Dare, Sept. 30, Blaney's Lincoln Square, 16 times.
 *District Attorney, The, July 15, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Divorced, Wallack's (continued from previous record), 54 times; Aug. 15, Lyceum, 29 times.
 *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Feb. 4, West End (shea), 3 times.
 *Doctor Klaus, March 11, German, 3 times.
 *Doctor Wake's Patient, Nov. 23, Garrick, one time (continue).
 *Doll's House, A, Nov. 18, Bijou (Nashua), 49 times; March 2, Daly's (Kornarshevsky), 4 times.
 *Don Cesar de Bazan, July 28, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Don Quixote, April 9, Lyric, 13 times.
 *Dore Thorne, April 27, New Star.
 *Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall, April 20, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock).
 *Downless Bride, The, March 18, Daly's, two times.
 *Dublin Dan, Sept. 2, Yorkville; Sept. 9, Metropolitan; Oct. 7, Fourteenth Street.
 *Duchess des Folies Bergere, The, Nov. 14, German, 25 times.
 *Duchess of March, Hackett (Stan. Wheat.).
 *Earl of Fanchett, The, Feb. 3, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Easter, The, March 2, Garrick, 16 times.
 *East Lynne, March 20, Metropolitan.
 *na, the Pritty Typewriter, Aug. 28, American; Sept. 30, New Star; Oct. 28, Fourteenth Street; Nov. 25, Thalia.
 *Mention of a Day, Jan. 7, German, 7 times.
 *Education of Mr. Pipp, The, Nov. 4, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *Eight Bells, Nov. 11, West End; Dec. 2, Fourteenth Street.
 *Electra, Feb. 11, Garden, 9 times.
 *Embassy Ball, The, Oct. 14, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *End of the Day, The, March 31, Hackett (Stan. Wheat.).
 *Enigma, The, Feb. 20, Daly's, 4 times.
 *Eternal City, The, June 2, Metropolitan (stock).
 *Evangelist, The, Sept. 30, Knickerbocker, 19 times; Oct. 21, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Fallen by the Wayside (see A Chorus Girl's Luck in New York), Oct. 28, Thalia; Nov. 4, New Star.
 *Family Gathering, The (Family Reunion), April 23, German, 4 times.
 *Fanchett, The, Hackett, May 27, Metropolitan (stock).
 *Fanchett's Flora, May 20, Casino, 113 times; Sept. 23, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 121 times.
 *Fatal Wedding, The, May 27, Thalia.
 *Father and the Boys, March 2, Empire, 88 times; still running.
 *Fifth Commandment, The, March 2, German, 8 times.
 *Fifty Miles from Boston, Feb. 3, Garrick, 32 times; March 2, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 40 times.
 *Fighting Bill, Oct. 7, Thalia.
 *Fighting Chances, A, Jan. 13, American; March 2, Thalia; March 9, New Star.
 *Fire of John, The, Oct. 10, German, one time; March 5, Daly's, 4 times.
 *First Time, The, Dec. 18, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Flag Station, The, Nov. 26, Berkeley Lyceum, 17 times.
 *Floriote and Patapon, March 13, German, 9 times.
 *Flower of the Ranch, The, March 9, West End, 9 times; April 20, Majestic, 16 times; total in New York, 25 times.
 *Flower of Yamato, The, Feb. 11, Garden, 9 times.
 *Flores of 1907, July 8, New York Roof, 47 times; Aug. 24, Liberty, 23 times; Nov. 4, Grand Opera House, 9 times; April 13, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 87 times.
 *Foot Ball Field, There Is No God, The, March 9, Lyric, 7 times.
 *Four Corners of the Earth, The, Dec. 16, New Star.
 *From Across the Pond (see also Two Islands), Sept. 7, Circle, 17 times.
 *From Broadway to the Bowery, Sept. 2, American; Sept. 10, New Star; Sept. 23, Thalia.
 *From Sing Sing to Liberty, Oct. 28, New Star; March 10, American; March 23, Metropolitan.
 *Funeral, Jan. 6, Casino, 32 times.
 *Gambler of the West, The, Aug. 12, Fourteenth Street; Aug. 20, Thalia; Nov. 4, American; Nov. 25, New Star.
 *Gambler's Luck, A, Feb. 20, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Gay White Way, The, Oct. 7, Casino, 105 times; Feb. 3, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 113 times.
 *Genesee of the Hills, Nov. 25, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Ghosts, Oct. 8, German, 5 times.
 *Gilded Fool, A, Jan. 10, Grand Opera House (N. C. Goodwin).
 *Girl and the Detective, The, May 11, Blaney's Lincoln Square.
 *Girl Behind the Counter, The, Oct. 1, Herald Square, 260 times; still running.
 *Girl of Eagle Ranch, The, Oct. 21, Fourteenth Street; March 16, New Star.
 *Girl of the Golden West, The, Nov. 11, Belasco, 22 times; Jan. 27, Academy of Music, 24 times; March 16, Harlem Opera House (stock); March 30, Yorkville; April 6, Metropolitan.
 *Girl Raffles, The, June 10, Blaney's Lincoln Square, 8 times; Sept. 2, Metropolitan, 5 times; Nov. 7, West End, 4 times.
 *Girls, March 23, Daly's, 64 times; still running.
 *Girls of Holland, The, Nov. 18, Lyric, 15 times.
 *Glamour of the Stage, The, Oct. 3, German, 10 times.
 *Goetz von Berlichingen, Jan. 14, German, 18 times.
 *Governor and the Bomb, April 27, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock), two weeks.
 *Grand Army Man, A, Oct. 18, Stayvassant, 149 times.
 *Grand Mogul, The, Sept. 9, Grand Opera House (stock).
 *Gravestark, Jan. 20, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Great Community, The, Oct. 15, German, 9 times.
 *Great Divide, The, Aug. 31, Daly's (run resumed), 103 times; Feb. 17, Academy of Music, 16 times; total in New York, 303 times.
 *Great Express Robbery, The, Aug. 12, American; Aug. 26, New Star; Sept. 2, Thalia.
 *Great Train Robbery, The, Oct. 21, Third Avenue (stock).
 *Great Wall Street Mystery, The, May 20, American.
 *Gypsy Sorceress, The, July 1, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *Hal, The Highwayman, Dec. 19, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Hamlet, May 23, Liberty (Mantell), 1 time; July 17, Academy of Music (Sothorn and Marlowe), 4 times; Feb. 1, Lyric (Sothorn), 5 times.
 *Ham Tree, The, Aug. 12, Academy of Music, 24 times.
 *Happy Hucker, Dec. 18, German, 1 time.
 *Happy Holliday's Trip Around the World, April 6, Fourteenth Street.
 *Harvest, Dec. 18, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Heart of Maryland, The, Jan. 20, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock).
 *Hearst Adams, Aug. 28, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *His Alibi, Oct. 24, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Grand Passion, The, April 16, German, 5 times.
 *Hedda Gabler, Nov. 13, Lyric (Mrs. Campbell), 2 times; April 7, German, 4 times.
 *Held by the Enemy, Sept. 23, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Her Own Way, Nov. 18, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock); Dec. 23, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Her Sister, Dec. 25, Hudson, 61 times.
 *Hertha's Wedding, Jan. 28, German, 7 times.
 *Hip! Hip! Hoory! Oct. 10, Weber's, 64 times.
 *Hired Girl's Millions, The, Aug. 12, Blaney's Lincoln Square; Dec. 9, Fourteenth Street; Jan. 13, Yorkville; Jan. 20, Metropolitan; April 20, New Star; April 27, Thalia.
 *His Honor the Mayor, June 3, Wallack's, 18 times; Nov. 25, Circle, 17 times.
 *His House in Order, Jan. 27, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *His Last Dollar, Feb. 17, West End.
 *His Majesty and the Maid, July 15, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *His Terrible Secret, Aug. 28, Metropolitan; Sept. 9, Yorkville; Sept. 23, Blaney's Lincoln Square; Nov. 25, American; Jan. 6, Fourteenth Street.
 *Honeycreepers, The (Running for Office), June 2, Acad. Gardens, 72 times; Jan. 13, West End, 9 times; total in New York, 81 times.
 *Honor (Die Ehre), Dec. 9, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Honor of the Family, The, Feb. 17, Hudson, 104 times; still running.
 *Hooded Lark, The (The Bird in the Cage), Oct. 14, German.
 *Hour Glass, The, Dec. 2, Berkeley Lyceum, 10 times.
 *House of a Thousand Candles, The, Jan. 6, Daly's, 14 times; still running.
 *How He Led to Her Husband, Oct. 22, Berkeley Lyceum, 6 times.
 *Hoyden, The, Oct. 19, Knickerbocker, 44 times; Dec. 2, Wallack's, 14 times; Jan. 27, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 66 times.
 *Hurdy Gurdy Girl, The, Sept. 23, Wallack's, 24 times.
 *Ici on Parle Français, March 31, Hackett (Stan. Wheat.).
 *If I Were King, March 2, Lyric, 15 times.
 *In Missouri, Jan. 11, Grand Opera House (M. C. Goodwin), 1 time.
 *In New York Town, Jan. 27, Yorkville.
 *In Old Kentucky, Feb. 16, American.
 *Inspector Bragg, April 1, German, 3 times.
 *In the Bishop's Carriage, Nov. 4, Harlem Opera House (stock); Nov. 20, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock); March 8, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock).
 *In the Palace of the King, June 17, Metropolitan (stock).
 *It's Pagliacci, Feb. 2, Daly's, 4 times.
 *Irene Wyckly, Jan. 20, Astor, 29 times.
 *It's Never Too Late to Mend, Nov. 18, New Star; Dec. 2, Thalia.
 *Janice Meredith, Feb. 17, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock).
 *Japanese Lady, The, Nov. 5, Berkeley Lyceum, 24 times.
 *Jazzara, Nov. 26, Berkeley Lyceum, 7 times.
 *Jessie Left the Village (see also The Convict and the Girl), Aug. 19, Fourteenth Street.
 *Jesters, The, Jan. 15, Empire, 33 times.
 *Jewel Regained, A, March 31, Hackett (Stan. Wheat.).
 *Jilt, The, Aug. 12, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *Jim, the Penman, Sept. 16, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *John Gayle's Honor, Dec. 23, Daly's, 16 times.
 *Joy Is Dangerous, Jan. 23, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Judge of Zalamea, The, Oct. 1, German, 4 times.
 *Julius Caesar, Nov. 28, West End (O'Neill), 2 times.
 *Just Out of College, Feb. 23, West End.
 *Kate Barton's Temptation, April 30, Thalia; May 4, New Star.
 *Kathleen Mavourneen, March 16, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock).
 *Kean (The Royal Box), Dec. 12, Lyric, 1 time.
 *Kidnapped for Revenge, Sept. 23, New Star; Sept. 30, Fourteenth Street; Nov. 18, Thalia.
 *King and Queen of Gamblers, The, July 27, American.
 *King Casey, Nov. 18, West End; Dec. 9, Metropolitan; Dec. 23, Yorkville.
 *King Lear, Dec. 11, Lyric, 1 time.
 *Knight for a Day, A, Dec. 16, Wallack's, 178 times.
 *Ladies' Battle, The, Feb. 20, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Lady from Lane's, The, Aug. 19, Lyric, 33 times; Sept. 19, Casino (removed from Lyric), 14 times; total, 47 times.
 *Lady Windermere's Fan, Aug. 5, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Lancers, The, Dec. 5, Daly's, 12 times.
 *Last Appeal, The, July 1, Metropolitan (stock).
 *Last Man, The, Oct. 29, German, 16 times.
 *Last Word, The, July 8, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Leah, the Forsaken, June 24, Metropolitan (stock); Sept. 16, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *Lena Rivers, March 2, Metropolitan; March 9, Yorkville; March 16, Fourteenth Street.
 *Lions, The, June 24, Harlem Opera House (stock); Dec. 23, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *Libation Poursers, The, March 26, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Life on a Dress, The, Aug. 12, New Star; Aug. 19, Thalia; Dec. 8, American.
 *Lily and the Prince, The, May 4, Yorkville.
 *Lion and the Mouse, The, May 27, Grand Opera House, 9 times; June 17, Hudson, 16 times; Oct. 28, Academy of Music, 75 times; total in New York, 98 times.
 *Literary Sense, The (Literature), Jan. 13, Madison Square, 24 times.
 *Literature, Oct. 29, German, 10 times.
 *Little Cherub, The, Aug. 5, Criterion, 21 times; Dec. 30, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 296 times.
 *Little Daily Dimples, May 27, Fourteenth Street.
 *Little Johnny Jones, Aug. 3, Blaney's Lincoln Square.
 *Little Minister, The, Sept. 2, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *Little Organ Grinder, The, Sept. 9, Fourteenth Street; Dec. 2, American; Dec. 9, New Star.
 *Lola from Berlin, Sept. 16, Liberty, 35 times; Oct. 28, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 43 times.
 *Lonesome Town, Jan. 20, Circle, 88 times.
 *Lost Trail, The, Jan. 27, West End; Feb. 17, Fourteenth Street.
 *Lost Twenty-four Hours, March 9, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Lottie, the Poor Saleslady, Sept. 2, New Star; Jan. 13, Thalia.
 *Louis XI, Dec. 6, Lyric, 1 time.
 *Love in Harness, July 28, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *Love's Lane, Sept. 30, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *Love's Comedy, Feb. 23, Hudson, 2 times (matinee).
 *Luck of MacGregor, The, April 20, Garden, 8 times.
 *Lucky Dog, A, Aug. 26, Yorkville.
 *Machete, Dec. 14, Lyric, one time.
 *McFadden's Flats, Feb. 24, Yorkville.
 *Madame Bonnard, April 27, German, 3 times.
 *Madam Butterfly, Oct. 14, Garden, 24 times.
 *Mile Modiste, Sept. 9, Knickerbocker, 21 times; May 20, Academy of Music, 20 times.
 *Maggie, Nov. 12, Lyric (Mrs. Campbell), 2 times; Feb. 20, Daly's (Netherland), 1 time.
 *Maid and the Millionaire, The, June 22, Madison Square Roof, 72 times.
 *Maidie, June 24, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *Man of the Hour, The, Savoy (continued from previous record), 479 times.
 *Man on the Box, The, Dec. 30, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Man on the Case, The, Sept. 4, Madison Square, 21 times.
 *Marriage, A, Jan. 23, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Marta of the Lowlands, March 24, Garden, 13 times.
 *Martyr, The, Oct. 15, Berkeley Lyceum, 14 times.
 *Mary of Magdala, Oct. 22, German, 5 times.
 *Mastercarder, The, Nov. 11, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock); March 23, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock).
 *Master Builder, The, Sept. 23, Bijou (Nashua), 45 times; March 20, Daly's (Kornarshevsky), 2 times.
 *Matilda, Oct. 28, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *Mazuma Man, The, Sept. 30, Yorkville.
 *Me Him and I, Sept. 27, Yorkville; Sept. 30, Metropolitan.
 *Merchant of Venice, The, Feb. 17, Bijou (Ludlow), 8 times.
 *Merry-Go-Round, The, April 25, Circle, 23 times; still running.
 *Merry Widow, The, Oct. 21, New Amsterdam, 242 times; still running.
 *Merry Widow, The (Burlesque), Jan. 2, Weber's, 156 times.
 *Metz in the Alps, Nov. 25, Metropolitan; Dec. 2, Yorkville.
 *Middleman, The, June 3, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Millionaire's Revenge, A, Oct. 14, Metropolitan; Oct. 21, Yorkville; Jan. 27, Thalia.
 *Mills of the Gods, The, May 20, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Mina von Barnheim, Dec. 10, German, 4 times.
 *Miss Hook of Holland, Dec. 31, Criterion, 119 times.
 *Miss Fanchett, Oct. 28, Lyric, 17 times.
 *Mrs. Dan's Defense, June 17, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *Mrs. Warren's Profession, May 20, Grand Opera House.
 *Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, Jan. 20, Grand Opera House.
 *Money Lender, The, Oct. 14, West End; Nov. 4, Thalia.
 *Morals of Marcus, The, Nov. 18, Criterion, 44 times.
 *Mormon Wife, The, Feb. 24, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock).
 *Mothers-in-Law, Dec. 19, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Morris, The, Sept. 3, Hackett, 23 times.
 *Music Master, The, Feb. 24, Stayvassant, 63 times; total in New York, 694 times.
 *Mysterious Burglar, The, Jan. 6, New Star.
 *My Wife, Aug. 1, Hudson, 125 times.
 *Nancy a Hero, Feb. 24, Casino, 89 times; still running.
 *Nellie, the Beautiful Cloak Model, Dec. 16, American; Dec. 20, Thalia; Feb. 24, New Star.
 *Neptune's Daughter, Hippodrome (continued from previous record), 1 week Aug. 31, run resumed, 12 weeks; total, 38 weeks.
 *Nero, Dec. 9, Lyric, 1 time.
 *Night Before Christmas, The, Dec. 16, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 *Night Off, A, Dec. 13, Lyric, 1 time; Feb. 20, German, 1 time.
 *Ninety and Nine, The, Sept. 16, Yorkville; Sept. 23, Metropolitan; Nov. 18, Fourteenth Street.
 *Old Heidelberg, March 27, German, 5 times.
 *Old Homestead, The, Sept. 30, Academy of Music, 32 times; Dec. 9, West End.
 *O'Neill of Derry, Nov. 25, Liberty, 23 times.
 *On the Eve, Dec. 20, German, 6 times.
 *Orchid, The, Herald Square (continued from previous record), 163 times; Sept. 2, Casino, 15 times; Dec. 23, Grand Opera House, 9 times; March 2, Academy of Music, 16 times; total in New York, 202 times.
 *Original Cohen, The, Dec. 16, Thalia; Dec. 23, New Star.
 *Other Girl, The, Oct. 7, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue; April 27, Harlem Opera House.
 *Other House, The, Aug. 30, Majestic, 20 times.
 *Othello, Dec. 2, Lyric, 1 time.
 *Our American Cousin (Lord Dundreary), Jan. 27, Lyric, 51 times.
 *Our Boys, Dec. 10, Lyric, 1 time.
 *Our Children, Jan. 9, Criterion (Amer. Acad.).
 *Outlaw, The, Dec. 5, Lyric, 1 time.
 *Outlaw's Christmas, The, May 20, Fourteenth Street; Aug. 5, American; Feb. 10, Thalia; March 30, New Star.
 *Oyster Man, The, Nov. 25, Yorkville; Dec. 19, Grand Opera House; Dec. 23, Metropolitan; Dec. 30, Fourteenth Street.
 *Paid in Full, Feb. 23, Astor, 95 times; still running.
 *Pamphile Peta, Feb. 10, Fourteenth Street; March 23, New Star.
 *Papa Lebonnard, Dec. 12, Lyric, 1 time.
 *Papa Lebonnard (English version), April 28, Bijou, 23 times; still running.
 *Parisian Model, The, Broadway (continued from previous season), 222 times; Sept. 30, Grand Opera House, 8 times; Jan. 6, Broadway, 21 times; April 27, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 259 times.
 *Parisian Romance, A, Sept. 30, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Parted on Her Bridal Tour, Feb. 24, Fourteenth Street.
 *Patsy in Politics, Sept. 2, Fourteenth Street; Oct. 7, Metropolitan; Nov. 4, Yorkville; Nov. 11, American.
 *Peddler, The, June 3, Thalia.
 *Peter Pan, Dec. 24, Empire, 16 times; total in New York, 307 times.
 *Pianist Detective, The, Feb. 3, Thalia.
 *Pioneer, Dec. 5, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Pioneer Days, Hippodrome (continued from previous season), 25 weeks; Aug. 31, run resumed, 12 weeks; total, 36 weeks.
 *Playing the Possum, The, Feb. 24, Circle, 32 times; Feb. 17, Yorkville; Feb. 24, Metropolitan.
 *Polly of the Circus, Dec. 25, Liberty, 160 times.
 *Pot of Broth, The, Feb. 18, Savoy, 7 times.
 *Power Behind the Throne, The, April 20, Yorkville.
 *Price of Honor, The, Oct. 14, Third Avenue (stock).
 *Prince Karl, Aug. 18, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Prince of Pines, The, Academy of Music (continued from previous record), 32 times.
 *Prize, The, Jan. 9, Criterion (Amer. Acad.).
 *Prodigal Daughter, The, Feb. 10, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Provider, The, May 11, Yorkville.
 *Pudd'nhead Wilson, April 13, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Quality Street, Jan. 6, Empire, 7 times.
 *Quincy Adams Sawyer, Jan. 20, West End.
 *Race Across the Continent, The, July 27, Thalia; Jan. 27, American; Feb. 17, New Star.
 *Raffles, Aug. 19, Blaney's Lincoln Square Theatre.
 *Ranger, The, Sept. 2, Wallack's, 24 times; Nov. 11, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 32 times.
 *Reckoning, The, Jan. 13, Madison Square, 24 times.
 *Rector's Garden, The, March 3, Bijou, 7 times.
 *Red Feather, Aug. 24, Blaney's Lincoln Square.
 *Red Mill, The, Knickerbocker (continued from previous record), 318 times.
 *Redskin, The, Oct. 28, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Relapses of William, The, Dec. 5, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Return of Deborah, The, Nov. 14, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary, The, Nov. 12, Garden, 22 times; Dec. 23, Madison Square, 24 times; total in New York, 56 times.
 *Richard III, Feb. 24, Bijou (Ludlow), 8 times.
 *Rich Mr. Hoggensheimer, The, Nov. 25, Grand Opera House, 9 times; total in New York, 196 times.
 *Right of Way, The, Wallack's, Nov. 4, 34 times; March 9, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 42 times.
 *Rip Van Winkle, April 27, Metropolitan (George Ober).
 *Rising of the Moon, The, Feb. 24, Savoy, 24 times.
 *Road to Yesterday, The, Lyric (continued from previous record), 96 times; Sept. 16, Grand Opera House, 8 times; April 20, West End, 9 times; total in New York, 113 times.
 *Rocky Mountain Express, The, Dec. 23, American.
 *Rogers Brothers in Panama, Sept. 2, Broadway, 46 times; Oct. 21, removed to Liberty, 22 times; April 6, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 79 times.
 *Romeo and Juliet, June 10, Academy of Music (Sothorn and Marlowe), 9 times; May 11, Metropolitan (Adelaide Keim, stock).
 *Rose of the Rancho, The, Belasco (continued from previous record), 240 times; Aug. 31, run resumed, 87 times; Dec. 30, Academy of Music, 32 times; total in New York, 352 times.
 *Rose of the Wind, Jan. 9, Criterion (Amer. Acad.).
 *Rosenheim, Dec. 30, Lyric, 30 times.
 *Round Up, The, Aug. 26, New Amsterdam, 65 times; Oct. 21, removed to Broadway, 90 times; total in New York, 155 times.
 *Royal Mounted, The, April 6, Garrick, 32 times.
 *Salome Jane, Sept. 2, Academy of Music, 33 times; total in New York, 155 times.
 *Sasha, Feb. 25, Daly's, 3 times; May 4, Grand Opera House (Netherland), 3 times.
 *Scrap and Pham, Oct. 21, Lyric, 7 times.
 *Scrap of Paper, A, March 6, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Second Mrs. Tanqueray, The, Nov. 11, Lyric (Mrs. Campbell), 2 times; Feb. 28, Daly's, 1 time; May 8, Grand Opera House (Netherland), 3 times.
 *Secret Orchard, The, Dec. 16, Lyric, 16 times; Jan. 6, Astor, 16 times; total in New York, 32 times.
 *Servant in the House, The, Feb. 23, Savoy, 64 times; still running.
 *Severity, Dec. 19, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 *Shadowed by Thine, Nov. 25, Fourteenth Street; Jan. 20, American.
 *Shenandoah, Jan. 13, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Shirkers, The, Oct. 15, Berkeley Lyceum, 15 times.
 *Shoemaker, The, Sept. 23, Fourteenth Street; Oct. 14, New Star; Nov. 11, Thalia.
 *Shoo Fly Regiment, The, June 3, Grand Opera House; Aug. 6, Bijou, 14 times; Oct. 7, West End; Oct. 21, American.
 *Shore Acres, Dec. 23, West End; Jan. 6, Yorkville; Jan. 13, Metropolitan.
 *Sign of the Four, The, Oct. 28, Third Avenue (stock).
 *Silver Girl, The, Oct. 14, Wallack's, 24 times.
 *Slave Nell, West End, Oct. 28, American; Dec. 30, New Star; Jan. 14, Fourteenth Street; Feb. 17, Thalia.
 *Singing Girl of Killarney, The, Aug. 20, Fourteenth Street.
 *Six Hopkins, April 13, Yorkville; April 20, Metropolitan.
 *Sky Farm, April 6, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 *Smart Set, The (The Black Politician), March 30, American; April 6, Yorkville.

Snow White, Dec. 21, German, 3 times.
 Society and the Building, Jan. 18, Daly's, 17 times.
 Soldier of the Cross, A, Feb. 5, West End (Shen), 2 times.
 Sorcerer, The, Sept. 2, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 Soul Kiss, The, Jan. 28, New York, 122 times, still running.
 Spell, The, Sept. 18, Majestic, 16 times; May 11, Thalia.
 Spoilers, The, Sept. 2, Blaney's Lincoln Square, 25 times; Oct. 21, West End; Nov. 11, Metropolis; Dec. 30, Yorkville; total in New York, 69 times.
 Sunlight and Shadow, Dec. 5, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 Star of Mantua, The, Oct. 24, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 Spring Chicken, The, Oct. 14, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 123 times.
 Square Man, The, March 18, Academy of Music, 32 times; total in New York, 271 times.
 Stepmother, The, Oct. 14, Garrick, 14 times.
 Still Alarm, The, Oct. 21, Third Avenue (stock).
 Straight Road, The, Dec. 2, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 48 times.
 Street Singer, The, Nov. 11, Yorkville; Nov. 18, Metropolis; Jan. 27, Fourteenth Street.
 Strongheart, Feb. 17, Metropolis; March 2, West End.
 Struggle Everlasting, The, Sept. 28, Hackett, 20 times.
 Sweet Lavender, March 23, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 Sweet Molly O, Feb. 17, American; March 2, New Star.
 Talk of New York, The, Dec. 3, Knickerbocker, 157 times; April 20, New York, 165 times.
 Taming of the Shrew, The, Dec. 7, Lyric, 1 time.
 Tattooed Man, The, Oct. 21, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 67 times.
 Tempest in the Shade, The, Nov. 14, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 Tems, Nov. 22, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 Thelma, July 22, Harlem Opera House (stock); Aug. 5, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 Temptress, The, March 6, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 Thief, The, Sept. 9, Lyceum, 281 times.
 Thief, The (Burlesque), Nov. 23, Weber's, 18 times.
 Thief of Destiny, The, March 6, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 Three of Us, The, Oct. 9, Grand Opera House; Dec. 30, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock); Jan. 6, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 Through Death Valley, Oct. 7, American; Nov. 4, Fourteenth Street.
 Time, the Place and the Girl, The, Aug. 5, Wallack's, 32 times.
 Toodles, March 16, Garrick, 16 times.
 Tom Jones, Nov. 11, Astor, 65 times.
 Tony, the Bootblack, Dec. 30, Metropolis; Feb. 3, Yorkville; Feb. 24, American; March 9, Fourteenth Street; April 6, Thalia.
 Top of the World, The, Oct. 19, Majestic, 131 times; Feb. 3, removed to the Casino, 25 times; total in New York, 156 times.
 Tornado of Nuremberg, The, Nov. 25, Garrick, 24 times.
 Trilby, Feb. 24, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 Twelfth Night, June 20, Academy of Music (Bosher and Marlowe), 5 times; Feb. 11, German, 12 times.
 Twenty Days in the Shade, Jan. 30, Savoy, 64 times.
 Two Islands (see also From Across the Pond), Oct. 12, Circle, 34 times.
 Two Little Vagabonds, April 27, Yorkville.
 Two Orphans, The, May 27, American.
 Uncle Tom's Cabin, May 20, Majestic, 16 times; Feb. 24, Thalia; March 2, American; April 13, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock).
 Under Suspicion, Sept. 18, American.
 Under the Greenwood Tree, Dec. 25, Garrick, 44 times.
 Under Southern Skies, March 30, Fourteenth Street.
 Undertow, The, June 10, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 Van Dyck, The, Nov. 5, Berkeley, 41 times.
 Village Lawyer, The, Feb. 20, Garden 17 times.
 Village Postmaster, The, Aug. 19, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).
 Virginia, Sept. 16, Lyric, 22 times; Nov. 25, West End, 4 times.
 Volunteer Organized, The, March 18, American; March 30, West End.
 Walls of Jericho, The, Feb. 10, Yorkville.
 Waltz Dream, A, Jan. 27, Broadway, 111 times.
 Warrens of Virginia, The, Dec. 3, Belasco, 174 times; April 4, removed to Stuyvesant, 16 times; total in New York, 180 times.
 Washington's First Defeat, Oct. 13, Berkeley Lyceum, 14 times.
 Way of the Transgressor, The, Sept. 9, American; Sept. 20, Thalia.
 We Are King, April 13, Metropolis.
 When Knighthood Was in Flower, May 20, Metropolis (stock); June 3, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock); Nov. 18, Yorkville; Dec. 2, Metropolis (Anna Day).
 When Knights Were Bold, Aug. 20, Garrick, 56 times; Oct. 14, removed to Hackett, 37 times; Nov. 18, removed to Garrick, 7 times; Feb. 10, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 108 times.
 When Love is Young, Nov. 14, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 When We Were Twenty-one, Jan. 8, Grand Opera House (N. C. Goodwin), 3 times.
 White Lily, The, March 6, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 Wife, The, April 6, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock).
 Winchester, May 27, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 Wine, Woman and Song, Dec. 30, West End; Jan. 27, Metropolis; March 2, Yorkville; March 16, West End, April 6, American, 3 times.
 Witching Hour, The, Nov. 18, Hackett, 212 times, still running.
 Wizard of Oz, The, Feb. 10, Metropolis.
 Wolf, The, April 18, Bijou, 9 times; April 27, removed to Lyric, 24 times, still running.
 Woman in the Moon, The, Nov. 18, Harlem Opera House (stock).
 World Against Her, The, Feb. 10, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock).
 Worth of a Woman, The, Feb. 12, Madison Square, 21 times.
 Yankee Prince, The, April 20, Knickerbocker, 28 times, still running.
 Yankee Tourist, The (The Galloper), Aug. 12, Astor, 103 times; Nov. 18, Grand Opera House, 8 times; total in New York, 111 times.
 Young Buffalo, King of the Wild West, Feb. 3, Metropolis; March 8, Thalia.
 Young Mrs. Winthrop, Feb. 6, Empire (Amer. Acad.).
 Youth, Nov. 26, German, 1 time.
 Zira, March 2, Blaney's Lincoln Square (stock).
 Zira, May 27, Keith and Proctor's Fifth Avenue (stock).

More Than Fifty Performances.

The following new plays ran over fifty performances in New York during the year:

Play	Times
Red Boy and His Teddy Bears, The	64
Bandana Land	89
Clamato	102
Comet, The	56
Delirious, The	94
Fascinating Flora	121
Father and the Boys (still running)	66
Polka of 1907, The	87
Gay White Way, The	113
Girl Behind the Counter, The (still running)	260
Girls (still running)	64
Grand Army Man	149
Her Sister	61
Hi! Hi! Hoory	61
Honor of the Family, The (still running)	104
Hopden, The	66
Knight for a Day, A	176
Louise Town	88
Mad and the Millionaire, The	72
Merry Widow, The (still running)	242
Merry Widow, The (burlesque)	184
Miss Hook of Holland	119
My Wife	129
Twenty a Hero (still running)	60

Paid in Full (still running) 95
 Polly of the Circus 160
 Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary, The 79
 Rogers Brothers in Panama 56
 Round Up, The 155
 Servant in the House, The (still running) 64
 Soul Kiss, The (still running) 122
 Talk of New York, The 185
 The, The 281
 Tom Jones 65
 Top of the World, The 156
 Twenty Days in the Shade 54
 Waltz Dream, A 111
 Warrens of Virginia, The 180
 When Knights Were Bold 108
 Witching Hour, The (still running) 212
 Yankee Tourist, The 111

Of the total of forty-one plays going over fifty performances, eighteen ran for more than 100 and four for more than 200 times. Last year's record shows a total of thirty-eight plays, of which twenty-two passed the 100 mark, and five the two hundredth performance.

Recapitulation and Comparison of New Plays.

Season	New Plays
1907-08	225
1908-07	216
1905-06	234
1904-05	224
1907-08	1904-07
In producing houses	118 114
Combination houses	61 67
Stock houses	21 17
Dramatic schools	25 31

GUS HILL'S NOVELTY.

During the theatrical season of 1908-1909, Gus Hill will have four stock companies, one each in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, comprised of colored talent. Because of the great success of The Smart Set, he will have an Eastern and a Western company out next season, and for the same reason he has decided that stock companies in the cities above mentioned, where there is such a large colored population, would be a paying investment. He will shift the companies from one city to the other during the season and put in new musical numbers, etc., every few weeks. The papers are now being prepared by which he will obtain the lease of a theatre in each one of these cities.

ALICE FISHER WINS APPEAL.

Alice Fisher, who is suing the Will J. Block Amusement Company of Chicago, for breach of contract to star in a play, obtained a decision last Friday in the Appellate Division reversing the order of the lower court, which had vacated an attachment she had on scenery and property.

GOSSIP OF THE TOWN.

Justice McCall in the Supreme Court, last Thursday, signed a decree in favor of Fritz Scheff in her divorce writ against Baron Friederich Wilhelm Gustave Carl von Bardenheben, to whom she was married on January 7, 1903. The evidence in the suit was heard before Edmund E. Wise as referee.

Elmer R. Harris left last week for Prince Edward Island where he will remain for two months. Mr. Harris is completing a play which will be produced in New York early next season by Henry R. Harris.

John F. Webster has been engaged by Liebler and Company to play Mr. Stubbins in their Australian production of Mrs. Wiggins of the Cabbage Patch, sailing from Vancouver, B. C., on the steamer *Aorangi*, on May 22.

Richard Lambert, last season with The Hypocrites, and recently with The Lion and the Mouse, will sail for London on June 13, to appear in the title role of The Cynic, a new play by Roy Horniman, that is to be produced on July 15.

Cherish Simpson has closed her season in Red Feather, and is spending a few days in New York before starting on her summer vacation.

Rehearsals of Fleety Ruffles will begin on July 15, and the first performance will take place in Buffalo early in August.

Ernest Lamson, playing with Thomas W. Ross in The Traveling Salesman, is confined at the City Hospital, St. Louis, with typhoid fever. Little Frances Fuller and Martin Fuller, of the same company, are at the Ella Osborne Hospital, St. Louis, with scarlet fever. Their mother is with them.

Fire in a jewelry store next door to Daly's Theatre, Friday night, caused a slight disturbance in the audience. The ushers quieted the nervous people, and turned the electric fans in such a way as to clear the house of the smoke that sifted in through the cracks of the doors.

Grace Merritt will play a final engagement in When Knighthood Was in Flower, at Carnegie Lyceum, opening on May 25. She was to have closed her season at the Madison Square, but the demolition of that theatre left only Carnegie Lyceum available.

Harry D. Crosby, who has been playing Dave Lacy in The Heir to the Hoar, put on a minstrel performance with local talent at his home, Batavia, N. Y., for the benefit of the Holland Club, to \$1,185. After the performance a very handsome carbuncle ring was presented to Mr. Crosby by the members of the club.

The School of Acting of the Bush Temple Conservatory, Chicago, gave a splendid matinee at Finner's Theatre, Second Mrs. Tanqueray, on Tuesday, May 12, at the Bush Temple Theatre, under the direction of Edward Devock.

The baseball team of The Merry Widow defeated the Metuchen, N. J., Athletic Club team last Friday, by a score of five to two. Donald Brian pitched for the Widows.

Matthew White, Jr., dramatic editor of *Murray's Magazine*, has completed a three act modern play entitled, The Truth Untold, in collaboration with Fred V. Green, Jr. He has also enlarged his vaudeville sketch, Stop, Look and Listen, into a four act play.

Edna Goodrich and her mother returned to New York last Saturday after a short visit to Paris.

S. Miller Kent was taken to Riverside Hospital, North Brother Island, last week, with a suspicious disease that the doctors believed to be smallpox. In a day or two it was discovered that Mr. Kent's ailment was chickenpox, and he was taken to his home in Port Washington.

Leonora Bradley is to have a prominent role in Mrs. Theresa O'Leary Crowley's play, Never Too Late, that will be given as part of the programme of the benefit entertainment for the Boston Professional Women's Club this week.

A report that Julia Marlowe and John Drew were to star together next season in Shakespearean productions has been most emphatically denied by the managers of both.

Big will be the bill at the Pathfinders' and Trainers' Jubilee in Blaney's Lincoln Square Theatre on next Sunday. On the list announced are Genaro and Bailey, Anna Laughlin, the McCone Sisters, Gladys Sears, Mildred Stoller, Phil and Nattie Peters, Matthews and Ashley, Dixon and Anger, Harry K. Blaney and Kitty Wolfe, Jess Dandy, Fred Bowers, and Harry and Sadie Fields.

Lee Willard, who has been starring in the West in The Country Squire, has closed his company on account of the death of his father, and will not play again until August. He was able to reach his father's bedside two days before he died.

Will Reed Dunroy, formerly in the publicity department of the Garrick Theatre in Chicago, has been made manager of the Shubert Theatre in Milwaukee. F. Ray Comstock has leased the house, and during the summer Pauline H. Boyle will put a stock company there.

Henry A. Guthrie, formerly in the press department of the La Salle Theatre in Chicago, has taken a position with Martin and Emery, who own the dramatic rights to Persidis, and is now conducting the press bureau for this firm in the Chicago office.

IN CHICAGO THEATRES.

CONTINUED RUNS AND PREPARATIONS FOR SUMMER.

The Flower of the Ranch—Getting Ready for the Princess—Paid in Full—Princess—Brewster's Millions—His Honor the Mayor—Other Plays and Much Gossip.

(Special to The Mirror.)

CHICAGO, May 18.—Mabel Harrison and Joseph Howard in The Flower of the Ranch will be at the Garrick next week, following The Gay White Way. The successful engagement of the latter had to be brief. The Shuberts require Miss Ring, Mr. De Angeli and the rest of the clever company for the new Broadway production. Miss Harrison has not appeared in Chicago for a long time. Undoubtedly she will be welcomed with substantial proof of continued popularity.

The new Adams-Hough-Howard musical comedy for the opening of the new Princess. A Stubborn Cinderella, will be given for the first time on any stage at the Alhambra, Milwaukee, next Sunday, in preparation for the premiere at the Princess about June 1. Bits of news from the rehearsals have aroused confident expectation that the pretty new musical comedy theatre will be unusually fortunate in its first bill. John Barrymore is going to be "great," say the gossips, and one of the experts who think so is his sister, Edith Barrymore. She attended a rehearsal while passing through the city with Louise Drew, and got so interested that she declared she would like to play in the musical comedy opposite the male star of the Princess. If Maudie Mort Slinger secures her for even one performance he will have a very clever managerial achievement to his credit.

Paid in Full, at the Grand Opera House, has been recognized by all the critics as a strong play, with many a lesson in it, especially for young married couples in this up-to-date American city life, where the trail of the millionaire leads thousands of smaller income, into desperate conditions and actions. Nearly all of the play has held the Grand audiences, and much of it has awakened deep interest and sharply enthusiastic applause. Like The Undertow, by the same author, Eugene Walter, which is well known to be strikingly similar to The Man of the Hour, though written before it, Paid in Full is a genuine addition to the list of valuable American plays. It has major faults, such as the use and recital of the story of Smith's illegitimate parentage, and the making of a sort of hero of him. It has minor faults, such as "get the hell out of here" and other unnecessary profanity. The play goes to some interesting and sometimes of least dramatic lengths to prove a cad is a cad. Mr. Macanay, an English writer of note, commenting on a Mr. Lamb's defense of certain plays, happened to criticize Paid in Full about 100 years before it was written. The acting is admirable. Guy Bates Post plays the cad, Brooks, definitely and always naturally. Helen Ware as the wife, Emma, gives further evidence of marked general ability in acting as well as talent for emotional parts. Scott Cooper's old dog, Captain Williams, must be classed among the best character creations of the kind. It is an achievement actors envy and audiences admire with the sincerest applause, and the part, so played, is the pillar of the piece. George Holden does a clever bit as Sata, and Albert Brown deserves to be especially complimented for his "Jamezie," a good chap whose goodness is not overdone, and whose behavior is skillfully admired. Marion Berg and Florence Robinson were excellent as Beth and the mother-in-law.

Robert E. Stone, for years a popular member of the staff of Weber and Fields and Jo Weber, arrived last week as proconsul for Weber at the Colonial, where the Broadway success will begin its Chicago engagement to-night.

Elsie Janis and company started the Summer season with a big and enthusiastic house at the Studebaker last night.

Brewster's Millions, with Edward Abeles and an excellent company, and with the advantage of a generally better production than at the Colonial, has been a strong bill at McVicker's in spite of the rain. The yacht scene at McVicker's has remarkable beauty as well as ingenuity and is a great success. In the support of Mr. Abeles, who, of course, gives the star part its full worth, William B. Mack, formerly with Mrs. Fiske, is conspicuous with his skillful performance of Nipper Harrison, and Edith Taliferro is fine, ingratiating and clever as Margaret.

Two new productions may be made at McVicker's in the course of the Summer. George Warren refuses to let the public farther into the secret. Gustave Frohman has opened offices in Powers' Theatre and engaged a press representative for his Summer activities. Mrs. H. E. Effe Webster, who has been a newspaper woman here for a number of years, on the staff of the Chicago Tribune, will produce the Rev. William Danforth's play of the Shakers, The Gates of Eden, at the Washington, Oak Park, on June 29, and a tour of several near-by cities will be made before the play is given at the Garrick. Rehearsals will begin in about two weeks. H. sold Eaton will be in the company.

Melville Ellis, of New York, who is in town and attended a performance of Three Twins. W. H. Oriskany, general manager for the Joseph Gaites company, said The Three Twins would run all Summer at the Whitney.

The Irish Players, or more correctly, the Irish National Theatre company of Dublin, have attracted large numbers of Irish people, Erin-born and American-born, at Powers' and have delighted them with William Boyle's The Building Fund. Admiration of the acting was general for the whole company. The audience seemed to enjoy Twenty Days in the Shade, probably on account of the good acting of Charles Dickson, Dallas Weir, Richard Bennett, Frank Burbeck, Ernest Lawford, Pauline Frederick, Jefferys Lewis, and Grace Hoyer in the leading parts.

His Honor the Mayor at the Auditorium proved to be a big production, with a good cast and many specialties. The critics were a little adverse, but the management insisted that 75 people for 75 cents was a bonanza for the public. Harry Kelly came as the star, but some of Mr. Kelly's comedy has not sufficient adult mentality for adults. Some of it has, and his dancing is clever. More unctious and less loudness in his own songs would improve them. Bobby Barry shames about successfully in Slavin's part. Trixie Friganza makes her songs go very well, getting many encores. Madlyn Marshall's country girl, May Flood, is excellent, and wins real success with good, sane comedy. Hugh Fay, son of Hugh Fay, of Barry and Fay of other days, the young widow well. Reine Davis is a pretty Daisy, and Florine Swanson is a winning Marjorie. Her featured songs get numerous encores. George Fox does the carriage broker sufficiently well. In the cast are William W. Black, John H. Pratt, Catherine Tanner, Joe Weber, Ed Melendy, and the company includes the "whirlwind" dancers. There was a large audience Monday night.

Charles P. Salisbury, formerly of Boston, is in the city representing His Honor the Mayor, and Charles T. K. Miller, from Broadway, is in the city again as manager of Brewster's Millions.

The Chicago Musical College has prepared an especially interesting operatic and dramatic matinee to be given at the Studebaker next Wednesday. It will introduce Kurt Donath, the eminent German tenor, who was last season leading tenor of the Henry W. Savage Grand Opera company in Madison Butterfly. Mr. Donath has joined the distinguished group of talented people in the faculty of the Chicago Musical College. The programme will include the third act of Faust, under the direction of William Castle, of the college faculty, and formerly tenor of Emma Abbott's opera company. The fourth act of Il Trovatore will be given; and Victor Mapes' Japanese comedy from the French, presented by pupils of the college's school of acting, under the direction of J. H. (Jack) O'Connor, another fa-

mous recruit to the college from the theatrical world. Mr. Donath was leading tenor in several of the principal opera houses of Germany, most recently at the Stadt Theatre in Trier and Dortmund.

Dorothy Steele, who was in stock at Winnipeg, and Herbert Goldsmith Whittier, of Winnipeg, were married last week in this city at the home of the bride's mother, and will be at home in Winnipeg, the bride having left the stage. Mr. Whittier is a descendant of Oliver Goldsmith, and Mrs. Whittier is an unusually attractive young woman, who recently joined the profession in this city.

Benish Foynter, in the successful dramatization of "Lena Rivers" will be at the Great Northern the second week in August, the first presentation of the play in this city.

John Glendinning has succeeded F. J. Ratcliffe as the Earl in The Man from Home.

Manager Lyman Glover has a big attraction in Marcel's living art pictures at the Majestic this week—seventeen people for the various elaborate groups.

The "talk pictures"—at the Haymarket have been a big success so far and the unheard of scale of prices has helped to fill the house. The lowest regular theatre admission price on record has been reached—three cents! For almost the price of a postage stamp a gallery seat can be bought, and there are hundreds of good seats for five and ten cents. Manager William Newkirk had a crush all day long Sunday. Men and women actors with ready wit have to watch the new pictures Monday afternoons and "talk" impromptu, fitting the words to the picture, as they stand behind, and do the best they can. They do well Mondays, better Tuesdays, and are making hits by Wednesdays. The talk pictures will continue all Summer.

The new musical season at the Bush Temple will open next Sunday with the Will J. Block company in The Lady from Lanes, by George Broadhurst and Gustave Kerker. The company will include Alexander Clark, W. H. Calver, Osborn Clemens, Percy Bronson, E. H. O'Connor, D. W. Market, Wilona Winter, Adele Raftier, Flissy Hope and Frankie Raymond.

Manager Robert T. Motin, of the Pekin Theatre, announces a special benefit performance at his theatre Friday afternoon, May 27, for the kindergarten of the Institutional Church. The programme presents a notable "all-star" assemblage of colored vaudeville entertainers.

Manager Charles Marvin has decided to remodel the gallery of his south side theatre, by Marlowe, by making it just as attractive as to seats and furnishings as the better floor seats. The change will be made next season. The theatre will reopen, after closing this week, about the first of September.

Eva Taylor, formerly leading woman of Manager D. H. Hunt's stock at the Chicago Opera House, headed a little company that gave a good account of itself last week in a bright comedy sketch, Chums, at the Majestic. Miss Taylor as the wife mistaken for Phil, a gay little friend of her husband, had a part exactly suited to her and did it most pleasingly. Virginia Keating was good as Sylvia, mistaken for the wife, and George D. Baker and Walter Pennington were good as the husband and his chum.

Mrs. Dan McAvoy (Georgia Kelly) was the hit of the Majestic bill last week, all of her songs getting encores.

Charles Dickson, late of Twenty Days in the Shade, and drawing royalties from Ince, which is here incognito, heads a little company which is giving a sketch, A Pressing Matter, at the Majestic this week. Alice Norton, making rubies and other gems, is on the bill, and the always welcome Mary Norman act of Masks and Faces.

Emily Erickson, Grease, who just closed her second season in the title-role of Tilly Olson, is considering an offer to go into vaudeville. She has played Thelma in Thelma over 500 times.

The Kerry Gow season ended suddenly here, say some of the company members, with the departure of the manager, J. H. P. Franklin, for New York. Complaints were brought to this office that salaries remained unpaid, and that the affairs of the attraction changed after the death of Yank Newell, two months ago.

Nellie Hopper and Norman Hilyard, character woman and leading man of the Wallace Cutler stock, closed at Columbus and Mr. Hilyard joined Grace Hayward's company as lead for six weeks. Alex. van Miltel, formerly leading man in Blanch Walsh's company, may head a local Summer stock.

Blanch Claire, recently of The Merry Widow company, has arranged a singing act for herself and gone into vaudeville.

Ida Fitzhugh Shepard has returned to Chicago after a successful trip to Mexico.

There will be virtually a new company at the College next season and numerous changes in the Marlowe stock.

The Show Print Association, in session here, agreed to keep the girls in tight of the billboards hereafter.

Myrtle Stedman, wife of Marshall Stedman, who was in Southern's company several seasons, will sing Sibel in the Chicago Musical College production of an act from Faust at the Studebaker next Wednesday.

Smith Davies, of the College Stock, goes to Kansas City for a Summer stock engagement. Mr. Davies will return to the College next Fall. Will Reed Dunroy, a local newspaper man and writer of verses, has been appointed manager of the Shubert Theatre, Milwaukee.

Doris Mitchell will be leading woman of James Durkin's Summer company in Maine.

Thomas J. Nolan, treasurer and business manager of the Illinois, has become an editor. He is associated with J. E. Lefevy in the publication of the *Manager's Guide*, a very handsome book of information for managers, advance representatives and other theatrical folk visiting Chicago. It is issued quarterly.

Donald Robertson will continue his act productions next season. He has made arrangements for matinees at the Garrick Theatre four times a week.

The Yiddish Players, at the Academy, include Elias Rothstein, Bernard Bernstein, Leon Blank, and Rosa Karp.

The first local stock production of The Heir to the Hoar, at the People's last week, was fairly successful in point of attendance in spite of rainy days.

The bills this week: Grand Opera House, Paid in Full; Studebaker, Elsie Janis in The Gay White Way; Powers, The Witching Hour; The Colonial, Jo Weber and company; McVicker's, Brewster's Millions; Bush, Zira; College, Mrs. Temple's Telegram; Great Northern, Wine, Woman and Song; La Salle, Honeymoon Trail; Whitney, Three Twins; Auditorium, His Honor the Mayor; People's, Back Among the Old Folks; Pekin, The Man from Home; Academy, Yiddish drama; Marlowe, Drifting Apart.

THEATRICAL POSTER COMPANY MOVES.

The Theatrical Poster Company, the new clearing house for printing, which has created so much talk and met with such a favorable reception among stock, repertoire and popular-priced managers, has found it necessary, owing to the growth of its business, to move into new quarters at 1431 Broadway. Every one who has come into contact with this new enterprise, which, it is said, now controls 70 per cent. of all the stock and inactive printing in the country, has found it to be a live institution.

"No man ever started to hunt for printing for any purpose who wasn't in a big hurry to find it," said the manager, Burton Sumner, yesterday, "and that is the basic principle on which we have worked out our system of handling business. When a man favors us by asking us if we have certain printing, we figure that we owe him two things: First, all the helpful information we can give him, no matter whether we or some other firm has what he wants; and, second, all the speed and dispatch that we can bring to bear to get this information to him quickly. The leading play agents, stock managers and others who have used our service have found that it is no longer necessary to go to the time and trouble of asking all of the individual show business, but that one question to our office in both cases and other information."

A NEW THEATRE CIRCUIT.

Alfred E. Aarons and B. C. Whitney Organizing a Chain of Houses.

The Associated Theatres, the new circuit being organized by Alfred E. Aarons and B. C. Whitney, with offices in the Ketchikan Theatre Building, now comprises thirty-three one night stands in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana in towns from 5,000 to 30,000 population. The majority of these houses have heretofore been without New York representation.

Their local representative, Charles G. Maynard, stated to THE MIRROR that they had been busy the past few months compiling information now filed in their office for the use of the attraction manager and are fully equipped to give all information in reference to stages, billing, capacity, number of local industries, local conditions, list of attractions played, gross, kind of attractions that draw the best, etc.

As the company makes a specialty of routing attractions they have introduced a rather unique plan on the order of an information bureau.

During the past two weeks they have sent queries to over 150 local managers in five States asking them to state local conditions. Answers from over 90 per cent. were received, and the digest of the information is that commercial conditions have been slowly but steadily improving, but that there is very little change for the better noticeable in theatrical conditions which is accounted for by reason of theatregoers having lost interest in shows. Over 60 per cent. when referring to the future outlook, seem to find the local banks and prominent men of the opinion that business will settle down after the political nominations and that election will not disturb things as much as usual.

The company has made a "one show a week" contract with a number of the houses in smaller towns. It will make a feature of protecting dates, and will also devote its energies to having clean stages and dressing rooms.

The towns and theatres now in the circuit are the following:

New York.—Warsaw, Farnham's Theatre; Cuba, Palmer's Opera House; Hammondsport, Frey's Opera House; Waterville, Loomis Opera House; Wellsville, New Baldwin Theatre; Watkins, New Opera House; Addison, New Addition Theatre; Westfield, Westfield Opera House; Owego, Toga Theatre.

Pennsylvania.—Waynesburg, Opera House; Wellsville, Bache Auditorium; Warren, Library Theatre; Towanda, Hale's Opera House; Tyrone, Academy of Music; Titusville, Titusville Opera; Susquehanna, Hogan Opera House; Somerset, Opera House; Ridgway, Opera House; Pottsville, Grand Opera House; Renovo, New Renovo Opera House; Nanticoke, Broadway Opera House; Kane, Temple Theatre; Johnstown, Armstrong Opera House; Indiana, Liberty Hall Emporium; Opera House; Danville, New Opera House; Meyersdale, Brownsville Opera House; Lock Haven, Bellefonte, Garman's Opera House; Corry, New Corry Theatre; Conemaugh, West Street Theatre; Austin, Lynch's Opera House; Smethport, Lyceum; Port Allegany, Auditorium.

Ohio.—Newark, Auditorium; Bellefontaine, Grand Opera House; Delaware, City Opera House; Wilmington, Wilmington Opera House; Lancaster, Chestnut Street Theatre; Athens, Athens Opera House; Coshocton, Sixth Street Opera House; Gallia, City Opera House; Irons, Masonic Opera House; Nelsonville, Stewart's Opera House; New Philadelphia, Union Opera House; Xenia, Opera House; Greenfield, Grand Opera House; Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Opera House; Weirton, Virginia Theatre; Jackson, Grand Opera House; Paulding, Grand Opera House; Bryan, Bryan Opera House; Marion, Grand Opera House; Bowling Green, Chidester Theatre; Findlay, Gillette Theatre; Logan, Opera House; Marietta, Auditorium (Louch's); Crestline, Opera House; East Palestine, Overlander's Opera House; Nevada, Masonic and Pythian Auditorium; Seneca, Opera House; Gloucester, Gormley Opera House; New Lexington, Smith's Opera House; New Comerston, City Opera House; Shawnee, K. of P. Opera House; Crooksville, Opera House; Hillsboro, Bell's Opera House; Marysville, City Opera House; Ashland, New Ashland Opera House; Lebanon, Opera House; Upper Sandusky, New Auditorium; New Vienna, Opera House; Blanchester, Opera House; Sabina, Opera House; Urichville, City Opera House; New Straitsville, Opera House; Manchester, Opera House; Murray City, Opera House; Carrollton, Grand Opera House.

Indiana.—Bluffton, Grand Opera House; Ellettsburg, Kramer Grand; Kokomo, Spies Opera House; Shelbyville, City Opera House; Princeton, Kidd's Opera House; Frankfort, Opera House; La Grange, Opera House.

Virginia.—Winchester, Auditorium.

AMATEURS IN SHAKESPEARE.

The third production this season by the Association Dramatic Association occurred on Monday night, May 11, at Ansonia Hall, Brooklyn, when Richard III was presented before a large and delighted audience. The Rev. Walter E. Bentley, rector of the Church of the Ascension and chaplain of the Brooklyn branch of the Actors' Church Alliance, organized this dramatic and literary society some years ago, with the purpose in view of training his parishioners in the best works of literature and the drama. The success of the past and the result of his most recent effort is a source of gratification to him and an education to his flock, who turned out in force to greet him and whose applause shook the hall when he came before the curtain in response to an enthusiastic call. All the parts were in capable hands and showed long and careful training. Duncan MacKinnon in the title role played the part with fine comprehension. Charles Catlin was a good Henry VI, and Mrs. James Stead was a stately Queen. The cast in full was: Duke of Gloucester, Richard III, Duncan MacKinnon; King Henry VI, Charles T. Catlin; Prince of Wales, Henry Capellier; Duke of York, Evelyn Collins; Earl of Richmond, C. W. Park; Duke of Buckingham, Charles A. Algo; Duke of Norfolk, Dr. D. A. Dohle; Tressell, A. Hargrett; Lord Stanley, Edmund Freiberg; Catesby, A. Hargrett; Ralcliff, Fred M. Farrer; Earl of Oxford, Leon Friberg; Buns, Harold R. Schuman; Lieutenant of the Tower, Leon Friberg; Lord Mayor, Dr. D. A. Dohle; Tressell, H. E. Schuman; Queen Elizabeth, Mrs. James C. Stead; Lady Anne, Nettie Stein; Duchess of York, Mrs. M. A. Trathan; Officers and Courtiers, H. and J. Pingot.

AMONG THE MUSIC PUBLISHERS.

"When Nightingales Are Nesting, Sweet Irene," is a new ballad from the house of Leo Feist, and it is said to have slides of unusual beauty.

"Kiss Me Right," by Alf. Bryan and Harry Weisman, published by Francis, Day and Hunter, is declared by the publishers to be the best "coon" song on the market.

Jerome H. Remick and Company have four new songs that they predict will be sensations of the season: "There Never Was a Girl Like You," by Williams and Van Alstyne; "Are You Sincere," by Alfred Bryan and Albert Gumble; "If It's Good Enough for Washington It's Good Enough for Me," by Ben Shields and Percy Wenrich; and "Fride of the Prairie," by Harry J. Breen and George W. Botzford.

The Alliance Music Publishing Company was incorporated April 30 with \$10,000 paid up capital and the following officers: President, Isaac S. Sanger; vice-president, George Natter; secretary-treasurer, George W. Storck. The company will publish the songs of a number of prominent authors and composers, including Enrique Nietes. The offices are located at 1130 Broadway, and Willie Woodward & Co. are the selling agents. Mr. Sanger is a member of the firm of Sanger Bros., dry goods jobbers of Dallas, Tex.; Mr. Nietes is the chancellor to the Republic of El Salvador, and Mr. Storck was formerly of the firm of Stark and Coughlin, certified accountants, New York.

The new novel song, "The Widow Mary's Waltz," written, composed and published by R.

Nattes, should attract attention. Willie Woodward and Company are the exclusive selling agents. Mr. Nietes is the author of "My Girl is a Winner," "She's the Girl" and "You Are a Daisy."

A NEW STOCK THEATRE.

The old Montank Theatre in Brooklyn is to be known hereafter as the Crescent, and Percy G. Williams, the lessee, is organizing a stock company to open in September. Mr. Williams before announcing that it was his intention to establish a stock company in Brooklyn that would surpass any organization of its kind in Greater New York. The renovated building is now a handsome structure, facing on the Flatbush Avenue approach to the new bridge.

KELLAR RETIRES.

Harry Kellar made his last appearance on the stage at Ford's Opera House, Baltimore, on Saturday evening, May 16. Mr. Kellar is fifty-nine years of age, and has been before the public for forty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Kellar will go to Southern California, where they expect to make their permanent home. Howard Thurston has been designated by Kellar as his successor, and the latter has turned over to Thurston his immensely valuable outfit.

PROFESSIONAL DOINGS.

Ross Behne, for several years the treasurer in the Alhambra Theatre in Milwaukee, has been promoted and is now the assistant manager of the house. James A. Higier, who still retains the title of manager of the Alhambra, is also the manager of the Majestic Theatre, the new Milwaukee vaudeville house.

Claudia Lanell and Robert Hockenbuhl, who have been playing in the London production of The Merry Widow, arrived in New York last Saturday for a short visit.

Gladya Wynne, an English actress, who is to appear under Henry Miller's management, arrived in New York on the Lucania last Saturday. Mrs. Cora Gabrielle Ranken, widow of Frederick Ranken, has announced her engagement to Newton Woodworth, of New York. The wedding will take place to-morrow.

John Kranner, who has been playing the title role in Buster Brown under the name of Master Reed and Maude Tiffany, who has been playing Gladya O'Flinn in the same company, were married in Milwaukee, Wis., on May 17. The company closed in Milwaukee on May 18.

Roger Gray, lately principal comedian with Buster Brown, joined Grace Cameron's company on May 17, replacing Al Lawrence.

It is probable that Blanche Ring in a new musical play, The Queen of Wall Street, will follow Paul in Full at Weber's next Fall. The piece is by Margaret Mayo and Edgar Selwyn, and Miss Ring will be under the management of Joe Weber.

A. Baldwin Sloan's new musical play, Lil' Moss, will probably be brought to New York for a summer run, either at the Majestic or the American.

Three Twins, now playing at the Whitney in Chicago, will probably follow The Girl Behind the Counter at the Herald Square Theatre, Chicago, next month.

Florence Bushy has returned from London, where she has been playing in Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, and will go to Australia immediately to play the same role.

Louise Dresser made formal announcement last Sunday of her engagement to Jack Gardner. Virginia Paul, a member of the Lil' Moss company, was found dead in her room at a boarding house in Philadelphia on May 13. It is supposed that she committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas. Her home was in Denver, Col.

Mrs. Helen Avery Hardy, who has been in advance of Julia Marlowe as special representative, has been at her home, 424 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York city, since the closing of Miss Marlowe's season.

The cast for F. Ziegfeld's Follies of 1908 includes Bickel and Watson, Arthur Deagan, Barney Bernard, Billie Reeves, Lee Harrison, William C. Schroder, Nora Bayes, Lucy Weston, Grace La Rue, Annabelle Whitford, Grace Leigh, Lillian Lee, Elphye Sherriden, and Daisie. Eugene Keenan will be Margaret Anglin's leading support in her coming Australian tour.

Cole and Johnson will have a new offering next season, called Red and Black. It is being written and composed by the stars themselves and will be managed by A. L. Wilbur. Cole and Johnson are playing four weeks in New York vaudeville, and will spend the rest of the summer working in the new production.

Paul Nicholson has been engaged to play Charles J. Ross' part in the burlesque of The Merry Widow. The role was played on Saturday by Douglas Stevenson, who will continue in it until Mr. Nicholson has had a few rehearsals. Mr. Ross' injury will necessitate a rest of at least eight weeks.

COMPANIES CLOSING.

Rose Melville, in His Hopkins, at Pittsburgh, Pa., on May 30.

Field's Minstrels, at Urbana, O., on May 30.

The Chessman, at Brooklyn, N. Y., on May 23.

The Red Mill, at Toronto, Can., on May 2.

Charles E. Harford, at Legasport, Ind., on May 7.

Murray and Mack, at Pittsburgh, Pa., on May 9.

Pickwick Stock, at San Diego, Cal., on May 2.

The Thief, at the Lyceum Theatre, New York, on May 9.

Folly of the Circus, at the Liberty Theatre, New York, on May 9.

Father and the Boys, at the Empire, on May 30.

Checkers, at Chicago, Ill., on April 25.

Ben Hendricks' Yon Yonson company, at Buffalo, N. Y., on May 30, after thirty weeks.

Ben Hendricks' Ole Olson company, at Streator, Ill., on May 2, after thirty-two weeks.

Uncle Tom's Cabin (Stetson's Western), at Saginaw, Mich., on June 7.

The Lion and the Mouse (Company B), at Port Huron, Mich., on June 6; company C at Peru, Ind., on June 6.

The Warriors of Virginia at the Stuyvesant, New York, on May 18.

NOTES OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

Two bright and successful young Chicagoans, Al Brown and Roger Lewis, have written a new song, "Good-bye," which bids fair to make them famous. It is a peculiarly good and catchy composition, published by the Thompson Music Company, of Chicago.

Helen Downing, writing for Robert Downing, declares that the latter has "presented" indeed C. Jackson in vaudeville, or that Miss Jackson was a co-star with him, although she was in his company.

The manager of Mena Park, Youngstown, Ohio, wishes the address of Yetta Lee, whose stage name is "Tula."

The Carnegie Lyceum Theatre, at Fifty-seventh Street and Seventh Avenue, New York, is thoroughly equipped for conventional productions, and has open time from June 1 to Nov. 14, 1908. Particulars may be had of Eugene Sweetland, business manager.

Good musicians are wanted by Cohen and Harris for George Evans' Honey Boy Minstrels. Applications should be made to Carl Schilling, 115 West Forty-second Street.

Colum, Ill., has an admirable theatre, which is managed by D. L. Williamson, of the Opera House. All of August and July is open at this playhouse, as well as some June time. This town can be booked in conjunction with other nearby places.

T. A. Manning, scenic artist, late of the Castle Square Theatre, Boston, is now at liberty. He may be addressed in care of the Castle Square Theatre. Professionals are offered special rates at the Sherman House, the theatrical headquarters of that popular health and summer resort. Mr. Chace, Mich. Correspondence is invited by the management.

Herbert Brooks, the popular magician and vaudeville headliner, in conjunction with John Clark, has started a theatrical series of vaudeville shows, at 420 West Thirty-seventh Street. An important

adjunct of this business will be the building of scenery in order, as well as costuming.

Banglow sites, chicken farms and summer homes on Long Island are being sold by George T. Meach, Room 4, 380 East 140th Street, this city. Many professionals have invested in the excellent properties he has to offer.

Rele Jackson is now at liberty for juvenile roles. She may be addressed at this office.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

The Late George J. Deagle.

B. D. M. Eaton writes from St. Louis as an old friend and acquaintance of the late George J. Deagle: "I would like to correct a number of errors in the published notice of Mr. Deagle's managerial career and death. I was a reporter on the 'Union,' 'Post-Dispatch,' and other St. Louis papers from June 9, 1882, to 1874, at the time Mr. Deagle was prominent in managerial matters. George J. Deagle came to St. Louis in the 30's, and was first employed as a solicitor for passenger business on the levee, and was quite successful. About 1880 he engaged in business with Jack Leonard, and they opened the Canterbury Hall at the northwest corner of Sixth and Green streets. My first acquaintance with him was when he opened the St. Louis Varieties Theatre on Market Street (now the Grand Opera House) Sept. 1, 1892. He was quite successful there with variety shows, but he was not successful in the theatre. He had a theatre on Broadway at the corner of Sixth and Green streets. 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BOSTON

Houses Still Closing—Ears Kendall—Musical Stock—Boston's Notes.

Boston, May 18.—Two more houses have closed for the summer—the Globe and the Lyceum—and another which was closed opens with new policy, but other houses will close after the present attractions and their engagements.

Ears Kendall is the only newcomer of the week in town, and he had a good house to greet him at the Lyceum, where he gave The Land of Dollars. It was three years ago that he made his last appearance here, in The Land of Dollars, and he had the best sort of a welcome back again. George Ade has given him many opportunities in this play, and he shows his natural drollery in a marked degree. The company is a good one in his support, and every indication at the Lyceum points to a prosperous engagement.

Perhaps I should have modified that paragraph so as to include the singers at the Castle Square among the newcomers, but they are such favorites that their coming back to the house they left so recently seems more like the natural thing than anything else. Decidedly quick work was done when Charles Miller's stock company gave up the ghost so suddenly, and W. C. Mason, while cheated out of the chance of playing Peter Ames Dunhill Noble did a better thing and came to the fore again as manager. J. E. Murray, Clara Lane, Louise Le Baron, George Tallman and the others who had been here all the earlier part of the year and who had been on the road ending in a stay in peaceful Philadelphia were hurried home again, and opened most auspiciously with The Land of Dollars, which will take the rest of the week.

The Lyceum and the Globe had intended to close the House this week, and all the announcements were out for the last week and farewell and other similar things, when it became evident that the closure would be a financial disaster. The Lyceum, however, decided to keep the House open, and the Globe, which was the original company, a quick change of plans was decided upon, and as a result the house will remain open until May 25.

No change will be possible in connection with The Man of the Hour, for the succeeding attraction is already fixed for the Tremont, and therefore the present week must be the last of the Broadhurst play. It has had a notable experience here, and its run of nearly five months will take the record of the present season in Boston. It will be followed at the Tremont by A Knight for a Day, which will have its New York cast, and will be given for a summer run.

Still another farewell is made this week for Richard and Carle will lead Mary's Lamb to pasture now. The Colonians have had just as large audiences as at the opening, and the piece has made a Carle hit in every way. Henrietta Lee, who joined the cast last week, is already a favorite, and Elita Proctor Olin, Edith St. Clair, Bertha Miller, and all the others give Mr. Carle the best of assistance.

Rose Stahl's posters in front of the Park have had "Last Nights" displayed for some time, but the positively last night will not come until May 20, when The Chorus Lady will give the first rest in nearly two years. The Park will not close then, for the summer, however, for arrangements have just been made so that Chauncey Olcott will follow for his first engagement in Boston at this house. He will probably prove the last attraction of the year there.

It is the feature of the week for Lindsay Mack, son stock company, at the Boston. When it was given here last fall it introduced Eleanor Gordon as a complete stranger to Boston audiences. It served to make her a favorite, and now its revival was a deserved compliment to her. The cast was largely the same as at the first presentation, the most notable change being that Rose Marlowe now plays Rose Bonne instead of Madame Dufrene, and she does it exceedingly well, too.

A Crows of Thorns is an exceptionally interesting revival for the Lyceum, at the Lyceum, for it was written by Jay Hunt, who was so long identified with the productions of the house, and is the father of Charlotte Hunt, the leading woman. He personally directed the preparations for the revival. The leading roles were taken by Arthur Maitland and Jeanne Connelly.

Edward Connelly in Marse Covington is the headliner at Keith's, dividing honors with William Rock and Maude Fulton.

Charmion is again back at the Howard Athenaeum for another short farewell, which are as numerous as those of Fattil.

The summer stock company in burlesque began its season at the Palace to-day, and continues will be given up for the hot weather, to be revived in the fall, when The Whirl again begins to revolve. The Yankee Doodle Girls are at the Columbia with special nights featured all the week. Comedy and vaudeville in alternation furnish double shows at Austin and Stone's. The moving pictures are not shutting up their doors if the regular houses are indeed, it is the presence of so many of these might be responsible for the curtailing of the season in higher priced houses in many cases.

Alma Nielsen was one of the notabilities on board the "Casco," which sailed from this port last week, and she tried to make Senator Williams accept her Teddy bear, but he declined the honor. She is to attend to the selection of the costumes and the properties for the Boston Grand Opera House, and is accompanied on her vacation tour by Miss Tora, Henry Russell's confidential secretary. She will also be on the lookout for promising material for the Boston organization. This would look as if it were another case of dual femina facti.

And speaking of opera. It is to be hoped that when Boston has a permanent house here the audience critics will not make the mistake of adding to themselves as they did one night last week, when the Knickerbocker company gave Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci. There was a change in cast, and no two of the papers agreed the next day. Some went on and criticized the women, and some went on and criticized the men, but the spellings of the same were fearful, and wonderful for their lack of harmony. In short the "Who's Who" for that night will never be known by the music lover who followed the reports in the Boston papers. It is reported that such a misdeed, they would have the plank, but musical critics are superior to the mere details of names and dates, it would seem.

The Rounders followed the example of the Arabs, silently folded the tents and stole away. They came pretty near not giving the week at all, for some of those who were in 1937 and not in the next week made unfriendly requests for money, but finally things were straightened out, but before the week was over there was more trouble and the result was that The Belle of New York, which was to follow another week was postponed.

Ida Mullie, who is coming over from New York to give an entertainment here, will be the guest of Mrs. Guy Currier, who was Marie Surcouf, leading woman of the Boston Museum Stock company in its last season, but who was on the stage with her sister, she is the sister of William Surcouf, the comedian.

The new Sunday concert law has gone into effect, and General Whitney, of the State Police, is the censor in regard to the entertainment. He will not forbid things just at present, but will wait for complaints, but as audiences are as liable as the performers it remains to be seen if there is much of a rash. Most of the regular series of concerts had been closed for the summer before the change went into effect.

Thomas W. Lawson filed a general denial to all the charges which had been made in the bill brought against him by John F. Donahoe, of Lynn. The included the one that he had been the "angel" for the town of Gloucester.

James Gillette selected the rehearsal of The Fate of Fakers, which was given by the Harvard Rusty Pudding Club. He was at the special dinner given to the cast at the Lyceum last week.

R. H. Allen, who is now in England, has been asked to give the Boston Grand Opera House in the Shakespeare Festival at Stratford. One looked in vain for the name of Julia Marlowe, who was given such a flourish during her last engagement here as being the leading feature. Who could have so imposed upon the dramatic editors of the city?

The boys of the Harvard Architectural Department have joined the ranks of the college theatricals, and they made a hit last week in The Mummy and the Lulu Bird.

The trials of Wellesley are preparing to give an all-fresco performance of Cyrano de Bergerac next month, and the rehearsals are under the coaching of Kate Ryan, who was far so long at the Boston Museum in the famous old stock company.

Constitution of the town of the San Carlo company, was in town last week, especially to attend the performance of Mignon, given by the New England Conservatory opera pupils for a Chelsea coffers' benefit.

William Melrose, the leading man of the Boston Stock company, will be in the summer colony at Whitthrop, Massachusetts, Mr. Gertrude Quackenbush, and Malcolm Duncan, of The Lion and the Mouse, are all there for their engagement at the Hollis.

The clever stage children of the Danforth Dix house gave an entertainment at Jordan Hall last week, and made a hit. The two pieces presented were The May Queen and In Drumshead, with songs and dances as special features.

John Craig has been in town for a short visit to his summer home near Northfield, preparatory to his trip to Texas to visit his family. He is expected to be in town again in the preparation for the coming fall season at the Castle Square, of which he will be the manager as well as leading man.

The bill to regulate the moving picture business has already passed the House, and will become a law unless the Senate takes any action. Greater safeguards will be provided for the protection of the audience from any form of accident.

E. V. Parker, the dramatic critic of the "Tribune," sailed for a last summer vacation in Europe last week on the "Canada." He will return the first week of September.

Thomas W. Lawson, who has made so many friends here in his visits to town in advance of W. H. Crook, is now back in the country for the summer. His last visit to town was the first of the year, opening here on May 25.

Wonderland will throw open its doors at Revere two days earlier with a number of new features for this season.

Kennan came to Keith's last week under a handicap. The bills said that Mrs. Sydney Drew would appear with her husband, but illness prevented. Miss Kennan came here anyway, but before the week ended she had the satisfaction of seeing all the people give her picture and stories of the success which she had made. She is the clever daughter of Frank Kennan.

They had a Wagner Night at the Pop Concerts to-night, but they could not get along without The Merry Widow in the evening.

Virginia, a new play by Edd Mayo, is to be given a trial performance in this city next month, and if it makes a hit it will be sent out on the road next season.

Progress is being made rapidly removing the building from the site of the new Lyric, and it is understood that the steel for the structure is all in readiness for putting in position. JAY BENTON.

WASHINGTON

John Gayde's Honor and Sherlock Holmes the Stock Company Offerings—Items.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The fourth week of the very successful Aborn season at the National Theatre, presents, by request to-night, Richard De Kora's Robin Hood, which is again being by an audience that packs the theatre. The attractive performance is further enhanced by the special engagements of Eugene Cowles, in his original part of Will Scarlet, and George A. Frothingham as Friar Tuck. These guest roles, so admirably presented, coupled with the excellent work of Sabary D'O'Neill as Anabel, Agnes Stone as Dame Durdan, and Frank Burworth in the title role, lent a distinct flavor of the old Robin Hood's tale and go, that was as strongly appreciated as it was thoroughly deserved. Other notable successes in the remaining parts were Magda Dahl as Maid Marian, Jessie Bradbury as Allan O'Dale, Forrest Huff as Little John, Charles W. Myers as Guy of Gisbourne, and the popular comedian, Paul Brunson as the Sheriff of Nottingham, whose performance was decidedly entertaining. The notably efficient Aborn chorus was again strongly in evidence. Next week, Martha.

The third big week of the James K. Hackett special season at the Columbia Theatre, with a tremendous advance sale, opens in John Gayde's Honor, Alfred Sutro's delightful play, which is seen in Washington for the first time. Mr. Hackett again scores a sterling success. Next week, The Pride of Jennico.

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PHILADELPHIA

Falling Leaves Produced at the Lyric—Opera Notes—Good Shows Hold Over.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—The Boston English Grand Opera Company, under the management of J. K. Murray, playing at the Lyric Theatre, opening May 4, were stranded high and dry after the matinee performance May 12, and the theatre was closed for the balance of the week. The members of the chorus were given a benefit May 13. The volunteers were from every place in the city, yet open. The benefit realized \$200.

In spite of the lateness of the season the Ruberts are attempting to make this week of the Lyric Theatre with a new production, entitled Falling Leaves, a comedy drama, culled from a splendid cast, which was announced in the last issue of The Mirror. The story told is of Andrew Rogers, a Pittsburgh banker, who in stock speculation loses his fortune, but who seems to take advantage of the many legal loopholes offered to defraud his creditors and accepts a position from his hitherto despised nephew, Hubert. With his wife and two children he moves to Ashville. In this brief three-act drama, which is a comedy, a number of intense dramatic scenes culminate in the love declaration of Hubert for Nellie, and the latter's attempt at suicide, which is frustrated by her father. Falling Leaves is adapted from the Italian of Giovanni Glimco, and is a fair, and is thoroughly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. This will be the final offering here of the season.

The Aborn English Opera company at the Grand Opera House with popular prices are winning dollars and golden opinions for their magnificent renditions of noted operas. This week, Alda, with a double cast, increased orchestra and chorus, is truly deserving of great praise. Week of May 25 the society of the season, the Grand Opera House, will give Love Tales, and first Philadelphia production with a superb cast that will interest lovers of music.

Raymond Hitchcock in The Yankee Tourist continues at the Forest Theatre to excellent returns, this being his third week.

Kohl and Dill, with Lorraine Toren, have hit the public fancy at the Garrick Theatre, now in their third week, to excellent returns. It is an interesting show, good plot and the stars surrounded by good company, always sure of a hearty welcome for future engagements.

The Hotel Clerk, a merry musical play, full of sensations and novelties is in its third week at the Walnut Street Theatre. Harry Fisher, Jeanne Raymond, Rose Butti, and Eugene McGregor, are the drawing card.

L'I Moine continues the big hit of the season at the Park Theatre. It is a gorgeous production, money lavishly, but judiciously, expended, and sure of success on the road for coming season. It will likely receive a New York opening during the summer.

The Orpheus Players at the Continental Street Theatre for the week appear in Hoyt's best comedy, A Texas Steer, in which this splendid organization appears to great advantage. It is really a pleasure to witness the comedy under favorable conditions. D'Arcy of the Guards, May 25, Rome and Juliet June 1.

The Grand Avenue Theatre, Summer Stock Theatre, under management of Arthur C. Alton, presents for third week Pretty Percy, with Jane Cavanaugh in the title role, well supported by Ethel Williams, James M. Brophy, and others. The public has liberally sustained the new players. Tennessee's Partner, week of May 25.

John A. Griever, the well-known vaudeville manager, was married in Camden, N. J., on May 8, to Elva P. Payne, of Boston, a member of his company.

Kelley's New Theatre: Alice Lloyd, Harry Headlin (second week), Ed Raymond, Brown, Harris and Brown, the McNaughtons, Emma Francis, Bess and Harriman, Gilbert and Keten, Charles and Francis Van, J. C. Pope, the Beldins, Doodins, and O'Malley and Golden. The programme up to the usual high standard at every performance.

Casino: The Casino Girls, with Low Doodins, a local newspaper man, who is entering the vaudeville field with a monologue act.

Edgar: California Girls Stock company. Garity: Night Owls Summer Stock company. May 25. Matinee: Cheap vaudeville and moving pictures. Treaders: The Nightingales with a big show.

On account of additional legal proceedings, the William Penn Theatre in West Philadelphia will for the third time be closed at the end of June 1. Ever since the death of the late George A. Westfarth the theatre has been the subject of constant litigation. It will cost \$125,000 to complete the building.

Standard Theatre: S. H. Dudley and company of colored comedians in The Emperor of Dixie. Business fair.

Hart's Kensington Theatre: Last week of the season. Solina Herman in Ticket-of-Leave Man. The German Theatre Stock company is closed this evening. The Merry Widow, with a cast, last week staged, the attraction for this and coming week.

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SAN FRANCISCO.

Visiting follows the Theatre—John Drew—Katherine Gray—Vaudeville.

The crews of the various war vessels of the fleet, in conjunction with the thousands of visitors that flock to the city to witness the great spectacle, loaded the capacity of every theatre in town at all performances during the week 4-10.

Society turned out in full force to greet John Drew, who opened a two weeks' engagement in My Wife at the Van Ness 4, and Billie Burke made an excellent impression. Robert Mantell is underlined.

Charles's Aunt, in which John B. Maher occupied the centre of the stage, kept the Alcazar audience bubbling over with good humor during the week. Edna Best (Mrs. Will R. Walling) made her reappearance after an absence of two years from the stage, and was seen in her old part of Ella Delahay. Bertram Lytell, A. Burt Wanner, Louise Brownell and other favorites were also in the cast. Next week, Leroy's Lane.

The week's attraction at the American was Pauline's Lullaby in A Runaway Girl. In addition to being talented, the little players are well trained, and furnish a delightful and refreshing entertainment. They will remain another week, with Florence as the last. The Debutante's Minstrels are underlined.

Katherine Gray and her associate players continued another week in The Truth at the Novelty. Next week, The Reckoning.

Another holdover was Edwin Stevens in Wane, supported by the stock on at the Prince. The piece will run still another week. The Yankee Doodle Girls is in preparation.

Elmer Howell furnished an appropriate bill at the Central by presenting The White Squadron. Keran Griggs in the role of a United States naval officer commanded the education of the jockies and marines. The scenery was spectacular, and the atmosphere of the play was charged with patriotism. Next week, Shenandoah.

At the Orpheum Julius Steger in The Fifth Commandment was the tippler. The Bedouin Troupe of Arabs again returned to us, and May Buler made her reappearance. Carbury Brothers and Shields and Rogers were also newcomers. The holdovers were Agnes Mahr, Renzie and Doretta, and Avery and Hart. Bob Fitzsimmons headed the week's bill at the Wigwam.

The Chutes and Coney Island Park are running full blast with innumerable outdoor attractions. The former place also has a skating rink and vaudeville show annexed.

Will E. Greenbaum announces a series of nine concerts to be given at Deansland by Walter Damrosch's New York Symphony Orchestra, commencing 17. The soloists include Madame Hlason de Moss, soprano; A. Salsafsky, violin; H. Brannen, 'cello, and M. Barere, flute. The orchestra is also to appear at Greek Theatre, Berkeley, and at the Stanford University in Palo Alto.

The Triumph, a drama of the Macabean period, was produced at the Van Ness Sunday. The play is by Rabbi B. M. Kaplan, and was well received. A feature of the production was the recitation of traditional Hebrew music between the acts.

The Californian, another local offering, is to be produced shortly. It is a comedy-drama in four acts from the noted pen of Mrs. S. Montmerie Hallett and George Austin Denison. These two literatures have written several clever sketches over the pen of Denis O'Hallitt, and this being their most pretentious effort, great things are expected of it.

HARRY E. DE LAHAUX.

INDIANAPOLIS.

Grace George—A Comedy at the Majestic—Vaudeville—Hans.

Grace George in Divorcement will reopen English's for two nights and a matinee 20, 21.

The bill at the New Grand 11-16 was headed by William Henry and his co. Robert Doherty, superbly acted by the star and his co. Robert Doherty's acts of strength created wonder. Bernard and Seely in a dancing and singing act were heartily applauded. Muller, Chuan and Muller did clever work with hoops. Other acts were: Hans and his dog, Hans, Hoyer and Loebe, and Appleton and Thompson.

Too Much Johnson, the current offering of the Poughkeepsie Stock co. at the Majestic 11-16 was greeted with shouts of laughter, sounds of applause, and many curtain calls on the opening night. George Arlino headed the part of American Billings in a delirious, cool, easy way that brought out all the comedy of the part to excellent advantage. Lucille Spenny had very little chance to do other than look pretty as Mrs. Billings. Genevieve Reynolds was excellent as the Mother-in-law. Alvin Arnold got all the laughs out of the real Johnson. Jennie Ellman and Frank Sylvester as the Lovers, Morris Foster as Johnson's Overcoat, Floyd Fenimore as the Frenchman, and T. Hayes Hunter as Faddish were satisfactory. During Mrs. Faddish's engagement at this house 15-16 the stock co. will rest. Beginning with a matinee 21 they will present Castle Solitaire for the balance of the week.

The Prisoner of Zenda, well costumed and staged, the second play put on by the Golden Stock co. at the Park 11-16 is attracting attention as a worthy production. Cecil Owen carried off the honors in the dual star role. He gave a splendid performance that showed much careful study. Marie Curtis, gracious and charming, made a pleasing impression as Princess Flavia. Hugh Williams as the Old Sergeant and later as Von Truchseinhelm, did commendable work. Edmund Blair as Colonel Rapt was good, and Frances Brandt gave a thoroughly satisfactory performance of Antoinette de Maubon. Other acts were taken by John G. King, E. C. O'Brien, Fred Cummings, Howard Prince, and Margaret Hagan. It is unfortunate that the dignity of the two leading members of the co. should be questioned during a curtain call by their audible notice of several members of the local stock co., of which these players were popular members who sat in a box. It was unparliamentary. Sign of the Four 15-23.

The regular season of the Empire, the only burlesque house here, came to a close 3. Some improvements will be made during the summer, and the house will reopen about the middle of August.

The musical performance given by the Macabre at English's 7, 8 was a big success, and drew large houses. A reception and dance at their new club home followed the last performance given as a celebration of the success of the show.

A political play, entitled The Ring Candidate, written by Joseph B. Miller, of this city, formerly dramatic editor of the "Star," will be presented by the senior class of Washburn College in June. The class of 1908 of which Mr. Miller was a member will hold its first session then.

Willie Lawrence, Manager Phil's Cincinnati treasurer, is acting in the same capacity for his father, Manager Lawrence, at the Majestic, since the close of the Cincinnati season. Mr. Sullivan, former treasurer of this house, is acting as assistant treasurer at the New Grand.

Paul Martin, late dramatic editor of the "Star," began his duties as press representative of the New Grand 4, replacing Louis Weston, who left 11 for New York, where he will make his headquarters, giving his entire attention to writing for vaudeville purposes.

PEARL KIRKWOOD.

COLUMBUS.

Local Musical Event—Manager Prosser's Test Case—Parks.

Ella May Smith as president of the Women's Music Club should feel highly elated at the success of the past season, for at the various concerts some of the best known artists in the music world have appeared here and always to immense business. The Women's Music Club is the largest organization of its kind in the world, and has a membership of over three thousand. Mrs. Smith is the life and soul of the organization, and it is mainly due to her most successful management that it has risen to the point it has. At the last concert of the season 11 Madame Johanna Gadski appeared with Frank La Forge at the piano and was enthusiastically greeted, being in splendid voice. A number of articles have been secured already for the coming season, which points to being the most successful and profitable one yet.

W. W. Prosser, manager of Kott's, will on Sunday make a test case of Mayor Bond's recent ruling that the smaller picture shows might remain open on Sunday, but that the larger theatres, that show an even more refined and artistic pictures and illustrated songs, are compelled to close for the one day and allow the smaller shows to get all the money. Mr. Prosser will probably win his case. Up to date the picture at Kott's, replacing the vaudeville at the end of the season, has been a big success.

The performance of Grace George in Divorcement has been canceled, owing to the desire to play two nights in Indianapolis. She was to have appeared at the Great Southern.

The new stand, which has been appearing at Coney Island Park for the past fortnight, is one of the best musical organizations ever heard here, and it is a shame that more representative audiences should not have greeted them. Mrs. Willy Hallett is a musician of note, and deserves the greatest credit for his excellent leading of the band. The weather has not been sufficiently good thus far for a very profitable season for the Park proper, and anyway there is nothing of special interest that is new or attractive this season that would not draw a large crowd. It is an attempt to be a big Park manager. Indianapolis is fast winning away the patronage that rightly belongs to the other amusement resort.

JOSEPH E. HAGUE.

KANSAS CITY.

The Baker Players Continue—Four Parks Open—Judge Wallace as Censor.

With the opening of the parks the theatres begin to close as one season succeeds the other in the amusement world. Forest Park began their second week 10, while Fairmount and Carnival parks opened their seasons on that date. Electric Park having announced their opening for 17. This week will see the closing of the Orpheum and Century theatres, while the Willis Wood follows suit next week.

The Majestic closed for the summer last week, and the Grand will continue but a short while longer. The Barker Stock had announced the week of 4 as their closing date at the Schubert, but at the last moment the management secured a new lease on the house, the old one having expired, and now makes the announcement that they will continue throughout the summer. The Woodward Stock at the Auditorium will likely stay well into the warm weather.

Mary Maunier appeared at the Willis Wood 11-13 in Glorious Betsy, and delighted a succession of large audiences. Maude Adams in The Jesters 14-16. Henry Miller in The Great Divide 18-23.

The Kalich Yiddish Theatre co. played to good business at the Willis Wood 7-9, presenting an attractive list of plays. The presenting co. was well received without exception.

Raffles, the Amateur Crackman, was the Woodward Stock bill at the Auditorium 10-16, playing to the usual big houses throughout the week. Jack Cagney was cast in the title-role, and did some very effective work. As "the lady" in the case, Eva Lang had little of importance to do, but did that little well. Frank Benish as Redford was convincing. Others were adequate to the parts and added to the production was attractive. Salary June 17-23.

The announcement that the Barker Stock will play an engagement lasting practically entire summer at the Schubert comes with much pleasure to the many patrons of that house, and the venture should prove successful if the weather does not become unbearably warm. As the decision to continue was only made at the very last of the week no change of bill was made 10. What happened to Jones being continued for the first half of the week being followed by A Bachelor's Romance the second half. The same co. headed by Henry Koller, Wallace Worley, and Frances Nelson will continue.

On the Bridge at Midnight, although seen here several times before drew good sized audiences to the Cullins 10-16 and was well received. The Planting Detective 17-23.

Carnival Park began its second season 10 to a crowd that taxed the capacity of the resort. The headline attraction is the Banda Blanca di Milano, or the White Band of Milan, under the direction of Michio Angelo Leone, which scored a tremendous hit with the big crowds. A good vaudeville bill in the Wigwam also was much favor, the acts including Charles Ledegar, Estelle Birch, the Del Costa Quartette, Pederson Brothers, and Frank Turner. The many concessions of last season have been added to, and a big season is in prospect for the popular West Side resort.

Fairmount also opened to a big crowd, it being estimated that fifteen thousand enjoyed the many pleasures of the big park. Wheeler's American Band gave two concerts at the amphitheatre to immense crowds. The numerous concessions did the usual big business.

The second week at Forest Park opened nearly as successfully as the first, and the concessions were greatly patronized by the larger crowds. The New Casino Stock co. were well received in a new play while the skating rink and Wild West Shows also came in for a large share of patronage. Other concessions also fared well.

Electric Park, Kansas City's Coney Island, is scheduled to open its season 17 with Sorrentino's Banda Roma as the big attraction. Carpenters are working day and night erecting a new sounding shell and hand pavilion to replace the one burned recently.

The week of 10-16 was the closing one at the Orpheum, and Manager Lechner had the usual entertaining bill on tap. Joseph Hart's Fantomine co. in the one-act fantasy, entitled Polly Pickle's Pets in Pettland, were the headline offering and played immensely. Other acts included the Fantomine Trio, C. H. Bradshaw and co., Elvener Falke, Harry Alister, Davis and Walker, and Lillian Appel, all of whom were well received.

The Broadway Gaiety Girls, with Frank Gotch, champion wrestler of the world as an added attraction, played to capacity business at the Century 10-16.

The Frank Brothers Yiddish Opera co. opened a week's run at the Grand 11 to a good sized audience, presenting Bar Kochba at the opening performance. The co. was seen here already once and scored quite a hit. A change of bill will be made nightly. James J. Corbett 17-23.

The theatre closing cases still hang fire in Judge Porterfield's division of the Criminal Court, and no exact date is announced for their hearing. It is possible that some of the park cases will be limited, as Judge Wallace says that the attractions will be investigated, and while the innocent amusements will be allowed, the theatre, skating rinks and others will be placed under the ban.

D. KEDDY CAMPBELL.

SPOKANE.

Mrs. Wiggs—Stock Companies—Vaudeville at the Pantages—Hans.

Mrs. Wiggs of the Calhoun Patch, with Blanche Chapman in the title-role, Lottie Adler as Leroy Mary, and John Lovell as Miss Mary played to big business at the Spokane Theatre 6, 7. Miss Chapman and the supporting co. made many friends. Spokane Male Chorus benefit 13. The District Leader 14-16. The Ham Tree 17, 18. Local co. 21. Clay Clever 22-23. Not Goodwin 24. The Soldiers 25-28. Local co. 29. Francis Wilson 30.

On Parade at the Auditorium Theatre gave exceptional opportunities to Jessie Shirley, Anna Cleveland, George McQuarrie, and Daniel Edson the week of 3. The business was all that could be expected. In addition to the play for the one hundredth and sixtieth week by the Shirley Stock co.

Last Twenty-four Hours was the closing play for the stock co. headed by Willis A. Hall and Julia Gray at the Columbia Theatre, which became a vaudeville house 10. The great bill included Paddy's Sonnet, Tony Johnson's trained dogs, Harry Holman, Shoshanna and Monahan, Grace Dunsley, Lawrence, and the pictures. The Lewis and Lake co. headed by Marie Louise will open a summer season 17 and continue the play for the one hundredth and sixtieth week by the Shirley Stock co.

Hardoon, manipulator of handclaws, headed the card at the Pantages Theatre, 8, 9, 10, at every performance. Virginia Brissac and Grant Churchill put on a one-act playlet, called The Billimist, which was well received. Others on the bill were: The O'Brien Troupe, featuring Naomi in a cannon act; Waldron Brothers, Winifred Stewart, Will D. Gilson, and the pictures.

Out All Night, a one-act playlet of the morning-after type, was presented by J. K. Hutchinson and Rollins Dabridge, and scored. Others were: Marshall and Woud, Bert and Lottie Walton, Leon and Adeline, Fitzgerald and Wilson, and the pictures. Capacity.

Andrey Ingersoll, head of the Ingersoll Amusement Co., has leased the baseball grounds at Natatorium Park for ten years, and will play the City League teams. The Coeur d'Alene and the Empire picture shows, doing big business, close in Second Street Hospital here 6. During her illness of two months she was supported by a fund raised by Rev. Dr. H. I. Hansen, pastor of First M. E. Church, who also said the last words at the grave. The National Film Renting Co., of Chicago, has opened a new branch in Spokane in charge of William H. Bell. The Virginia Brissac Summer Stock co. opened an engagement of three months at Natatorium Park 10, presenting Sweet Clover. The stage is covered, but the audience is in the open. Miss Brissac is supported by W. S. McCREA.

CLEVELAND.

Caruso's Ovation—Grand Opera—Joseph Sheehan as Don Juan—Items.

Society turned out in force to hear Caruso at the Hippodrome 11, and the large audience went into raptures at the tenured tenor's selection of the songs. Aida, Faust, and Puccini. In addition to Caruso Master Kottarsky, a boy violinist; Margaret Keyes, contralto; Gertrude Allen, soprano, and Henri G. Scott, bass, made up the bill, and all came in for their share of applause. Caruso, who was scheduled for week 11-16, was given a new presentation of Neddy's matinee, Madame Challa sang the role of Carmen with an artistic vigor, characteristic of the character. Joseph Sheehan made a good impression as Don Juan and Gertrude Allen's Scenicville was all that could be desired. The theatre and orchestra were gorgeous and reflected great credit on William W. Don's management. Martha 10-23.

Herman Hearts was at the Cleveland Theatre 11-16, James Kyle McCurdy in The Old Clothes Man 18-23. The Pioneer of the Beach, with Joseph E. Howard and Mabel Harrison, will be at the Colonial Theatre 21-23.

The Hermites are busy rehearsing their musical comedy, The Hermites in Dixie, which they will present at the World Avenue Open House 25-28. Kott's Prospect Theatre will have the following

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Boys 3-5, and matinee 5; also playing an extra matinee 4, giving The Lieutenant and the Coward as a complimentary benefit to Mr. Lerch. Good house was called. The Earl Burgess Stock co. opened 6 for the week. Sunday matinee, presenting The Queen of the White Slaves to Gals. Inclusion. George W. Scott, Harry Brewster, Florence V. Norde, and the Little People Dainty were popular. Week of 10, Comedy at Orpheum: Week of 11: Charles E. Evans and co., Daisy Harcourt, Mabel Mattland, Lew Wells, and Moving Picture Palace.

The Sells-Florio Shows come for one day only, 28.
Manager George D. Fryer, of the Salt Lake Theatre, and H. G. Whitney, critic and business manager of the "Deseret News," are in New York on business and pleasure bent.
Secretary John Jensen is in the country inquiring about the Elstreefford, to be held in the great Mormon Tabernacle at this city in October.
Harold Gridb, Salt Lake's clever musical composer, is now at work training a co. to present his comic opera, The Merry Craftsmen, which will begin in the Salt Lake Theatre in the near future.
The Crystal Slipper will be given by a local co. at the Salt Lake Theatre 21-23.
C. E. JOHNSON

OMAHA.
The Woodward Company—Maude Adams—Last
Week of Vaudeville—Notes.

At Boyd's Theatre More Than Queen was the offering for week of 10 by the Woodward Stock co., which seemed to a good house and gave a creditable performance. The co. gave place 11, 12 to Mandelstams, who drew two large audiences, and presenting the Jesters. The general verdict was in favor of the star and her supporting co., but rather against the play. For week of 17 the stock co. will give Daisy Jane.

the headliner in Vesta Victoria. Others in the programme are: Cogan and Bancroft, Gorman and West, O. G. Seymour and Miss Dugan, John and the Burke, Brown and Navarro, De Witt, Burns and Torrance. Business is splendid.

At the Burwood stock co. is giving The Sign of the Four, with Wilfrid Roger as Sherlock Holmes.

Down at the Krug The Cow Puncher 7-9 was a successful engagement. The Phoenix Detective 10-12 also did well. The Burglar and the Lady 14-15.

J. R. KINGWALT.

PROVIDENCE.
 Harry Woodruff—The Albee Company—Grace Orr
 Meyers as Arline—Hans.

for the second week of the season the Albee Comic Opera Stock co. presented The Bohemian Girl to very good houses. Grace Orr Meyers was in the leading role and secured a divided success as Arline. Edith Clifford, Albert Wallstedt, Gratien Baker, and William Schuster also sang exceptionally well. Wang

was played to crowded houses. Grace Hopkins, George Barker, around whom most of the works center, give a fine artistic satisfaction. Mr. Kennedy, Durrell, and Miss Doolittle also appear to good advantage. At Pitney Ridge 18-23.

George Kumbel has been engaged to play the leading part in the Albee Comic Opera Stock co.'s presentation of "Wase." The Albee stock company, manager Lovensborg, of the Albee Stock co., has just signed a contract with Margaret Kennedy, whereby she will take the leading parts at Keith's this season.

HOWARD C. RIPLEY.

IN BROOKLYN THEATRE.

At the Broadway Theatre this week, the attraction The Clansman, presented by a company of capable players, including such favorites as Mrs. Mary Pickford, James Ryan, Michael J. Jordan, Barry Fitzgerald, Ruth Hart, and Violet Mersereau. Next week will be the play of the Moor.

On May Second, the second week at the Majestic Theatre began Monday night with a very creditable production of The Three of Us. The

audience present, and all the favorites were enthusiastically applauded. Miss Sprouner treated Miss McChesney with all the tenderness and sympathy necessary, and there was a hearty outburst of applause when she sang "The Song of the East" as Augustus Phillips, Stephen May, Harold Kennedy, Glen McChesney, Ben F. van Twined Dix, Arthur Evers, Louis Burreford, H. Curtis, Hop Wing, William L. West, Loretta, Gretchen, and Herman. Sunny McChesney, Olive Grove, Maggie, and Jessie McAlister, an Twined Dix. Next week The Gleaner will

The Payton's Players crowned themselves with Monday night when they appeared in *Mina*, at Lee Avenue Theatre. It was the best performance this progressive organization has given thus far, and *Mina* Phillips might well be given a more fitting interpretation of the principal part. The fact that *Mina* Phillips is to leave the company this season, is creating considerable comment in the larger circle of spectators, and while they regret that she is leaving, they are glad to welcome her in the limited programme of the

have sent many requests to Mr. Fayton to let her to remain for another season, at least. Now, the season is to be longer than usual, and the hope of this time will be treasured to many of such interesting persons as she is. It is not yet this week. Lee Stierrett and the rest of the group appear to advantage. Next week, The Girl Williamsburg.

light, with a performance of Anna Karolina, which Miss Fuller played the title role to the satisfaction of the large audience present. The cost was good and the stage efforts very fine. Mrs. Jones and Walker appear this week at the Theatre in Randanna Land. Three weeks ago clever comedians drew capacity audiences all at the Majestic Theatre, down town, and there is no question that the record will be repeated in Eastern District.

Scribner's Company entertains this week at

lar Theatre. The cast is large, and good at all, who appears as a special feature, is very fine.

On Gaiety this week there is a very strong line in Fred Ivin's company, which includes Lynch and company, to Stocken's kin.

VAUDEVILLE.

Franklin, assisted by Bert Green, is the head-artist this week at the Graham. There are also the following: The Three Little Girls, the Sisters, Jack Howard, James P. Kelly, and

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THE VAUDEVILLE MIRROR

VAUDEVILLE COMEDY CLUB

THEATRE PARTY AND RECEPTION TO THE PRESIDENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.

Brilliant Audience at the Circle Theatre Saw James J. Morton in The Merry Go-Round—Flowers in Profusion Handed Over the Footlights—Great Crowd at the Club House Enjoys Fine Entertainment and Supper—List of Guests.



Photo Feinberg, N. Y.

HOWARD TRUEDELL, Second Vice-President.

The theatre party and reception tendered to President James J. Morton on Wednesday evening last was a tremendous success from every point of view. Every member of the club that was in the city and who could possibly arrange it was present at the Circle Theatre. The party was not one of those affairs intended to stir up interest in a production that was not drawing well, like many parties of this kind, where the manager is delighted to get people to fill his seats. On the contrary, every seat had to be paid for at the regular box office rates, with no discounts. The fact that so many were ready and willing to pay is proof positive of President Morton's popularity with his fellow members.

From the rise to the fall of the curtain the enthusiasm was unbounded. Mr. Morton's reputation as a collier of very happy impromptu remarks was fully sustained on this occasion. The Merry Go-Round fairly bristled with new lines put in to amuse the friends of the big comedian, who enjoyed himself as much as any of the people in front. Mabel Hite and Bobby North also came in for a full share of appreciation, and the other members of the cast were not forgotten. As for flowers, they were handed over the footlights in such quantities that the remarkable display of blossoms made on the first night of the piece was completely forgotten.

Among the offerings was an immense horseshoe, sent by the club, that was nearly as large as Mr. Morton himself, and that in saying much. After the performance the members and their friends repaired to the clubhouse, where they were met by many others who were unable, on account of their engagements, to be present at the theatre. They found the house beautifully decorated, and on the second floor a long table, loaded down with good things, to which immediate attention was given. There was a smaller table for the officers and special guests, and for an hour everybody ate, drank and was merry.

At the proper time First Vice-President Francis Morey arose and proposed the health of Mr. Morton, and in a beautifully worded speech told of the many good qualities of mind and heart that have endeared Mr. Morton to those that know him. Mr. Morey's words so affected the guest of the evening that he was seen to brush away a few furtive tears, and when he was called upon to respond he begged to be excused until later, as he had been overcome by Mr. Morey's eloquent tribute, and for the first time in his life was at a loss for words.

The members and guests then filed down to the big reception room, where an entertainment was given that was thoroughly enjoyable. Leo Edwards presided, the piano, and the programme was opened by Frank Coleman, who sang "Some One Thinks of Some One" superbly. Then came Louise Dresser, who never looked prettier, and her rendition of "My Gal Sal" brought down the house. Grace Leonard sang "Good Bye, Flo," and was followed by Vincent Bryan with a collection of quaint and original songs and parodies imitating him. Julius Tannen told stories and imitated more famous actors accurately. One of the novelties of the evening was the ventriloquist specialty of Treasurer A. O. Duncan, who used Bob Dalley and Lee Harrison as "dummies." They acted their parts splendidly, although the work of keeping still is quite out of their line. Mr. Duncan put words into their mouths that made the audience roar, and they did their share by working their jaws like genuine wooden figures, in response to the pressure of Mr. Duncan's fingers at the backs of their necks. Another such appreciated turn was that of Richard Anderson, who recited "Spartacus to the Gladiators" very effectively. Eugene Howard was in fine voice, and his songs were applauded. As for Mabel Hite and Bobby North, they were cheered so heartily that both had to beg off. Jules Garrison read an original toast to Morton, written in verse, and composed at the supper table, that made a big hit.

President Morton having become himself again, was brought forward and made a speech bristling with witticisms and sound common sense. He told of the aims and objects of the club and urged the members to further them in every way possible. His remarks were thoroughly enjoyed and roundly applauded.

The fun was kept up until the first gray streaks of dawn peeped through the curtained windows, warned the merry-makers that another day had arrived, and they departed filled with recollections of one of the most successful functions in the history of the club.

Among those present were: James J. Morton, Francis Morey, Howard Truedell, Lee Harrison, A. O. Duncan, Bobby Matthews, Walter Danilin, John P. Curran, Frank Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Dalley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carlin, Alf T. Wilton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Nelson Morey, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Forbes, Marshall P. Wilder, Charles O. Rice, Jules Garrison, C. W. Pope, James and Sadie Leonard, Richard Anderson, J. B. Haviland, Frank Young, Billy Clark, Alice A. Thornton, Wheeler Earl, Vera Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Matthews, Mrs. Barber, Henry P. Dixon, Norman Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Austin, Walter Shannon, Beatrice McKim, John A. Boone, James E. Plunkett, Joseph Dixon, Leo Clifford, Maud

Flaher, Ella Murray, Eugene and William Howard, Barney Bernard, Harry Knowles, Moses A. Sachs, Albert Cowles, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Quinby, Frank J. Garden, May Young, Mabel Hite-Dunlin, Sam Alan, Ed. Wynn, Frank Taylor, Blanche Davenport, Leo Edwards, Gus Edwards, Michael Simons, Majorie Race, George W. Terwilliger, E. Bowers, Louise Dresser, Jack Gardner, Bobby North, Richard Golden, Grant Lafferty, Keller Mack, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy McMahon, Mrs. A. O. Duncan, Julius Tannen, Al. White, William Klein, Una Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Day, Lou Anger, Frank Otto, Vincent Bryan, Josephine Almsley, Joe Smith, J. Roger West, E. E. Pidgeon, Harry Williams, Fred M. Cady, Jules Garrison, Horace Goldin, Mr. and Mrs. John Cantwell, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rooney and Grace Leonard.

Other features of the entertainment were songs prettily sung by Nannon Jacques, Katherine Dahl, and McKay and Cantwell. There was also a comedy sketch made up of J. J. Morton, R. L. Dalley, Frank Coleman, Bobby Matthews, James Cole, and Pat Rooney. An impromptu drama in two short acts was also given that created great laughter. The plot thickened with great rapidity in the hands of Messrs. Morton, Dalley, Rooney, Lee Calder, and Frank Otto. By special request Mr. Morton sang an impromptu song, bringing in the names of many members and guests. It was a "big scream."

Charles Grapevin is making his reappearance in vaudeville this week at Keith and Proctor's 125th Street, with other houses on the circuit to follow.

Marshall P. Wilder has written another book, a sort of sequel to "People I've Smiled With." It is called "Smiling 'Round the World," and tells humorously of the little entertainer's travels in foreign lands.

Pat Rooney and his partner, Marion Burt, will soon take to the woods for a well-earned rest, having played forty-four solid weeks.

Julius Tannen intends to sail for Europe in June, and may fill a few engagements on the other side.

Lee Harrison has received full rights to the song written by Jack Norworth, entitled "Vaudeville," in which he states that vaudeville institutions are overworked, and delivers material with which some of the vaudeville folk make their success. This number was a big success with Norworth, but owing to the "College Boy" forsaking vaudeville to star in Cohen and Harris' new production of Artie, he will turn the song over to Harrison.

Robert Rogers and Mrs. Rogers have been very successful in the West with Out of Sight, their comedy playlet. They have booked an excellent route of United time for next season. They have just finished forty-two weeks with the Western Vaudeville Association.

First Vice-President Morey received many warm congratulations for the able manner in which he played his part of master of ceremonies at the reception. The Reception Committee was made up of Howard Truedell, Lee Harrison, Bobby Matthews, J. Butler Hayland and Harry Colson Clarke.

The House Committee, under Frank Otto, as acting chairman, were very active during the evening.

The baseball team is getting ready for business. The uniforms have been procured and the doughty warriors of the diamond will be prepared to receive and issue challenges in a few days. It is probable that Frank Otto, of Carlin and Otto, will be elected captain of the team.

The courtesies of the club have been extended to the members of the Detroit team. Almost all of the visiting teams have warm friends and admirers in the club, and the members will be made welcome throughout the Summer.

The front of the house will be painted this week, and the awnings put in position, adding to the comfort of the members.

The office in the rear of the reception room has been partitioned off, and a new desk for Treasurer Duncan has been purchased.

A stage, which will be the last social function of the season, will be given in June. It will be a "Dutch night," and every Dutch comedian in the club has been asked to prepare something original for the occasion.

A leader with one of the Lasky productions, who interpolated a song belonging to Walter Shannon in his act, was reported to the club. Mr. Lasky was waited upon, and the facts being explained to him, he immediately ordered the song removed.

Members who are preparing to go to Europe are requested to avail themselves of the privileges of the clubhouse of the Water Rats in London, with which the Comedy Club exchanges courtesies.

While Mr. Morton was the guest of honor at the theatre party and reception, Mabel Hite and Bobby North were special guests. Mr. North received a handsome floral piece from his fellow members.

Will Rogers, the larist artist, will open at Winnipeg next week for a tour of the Western houses lasting ten weeks.

ALHAMBRA.

Marie Dresser, A Night on a Houseboat, and Terry and Lambert Score Heavily.

Big business was the rule last week, as Marie Dresser making her first Harlem appearance in a long time. Her admirers turned out in force, and she was applauded to the echo. Jesse L. Lasky's, A Night on a Houseboat, with O'Malley Jennings and the Shaw Sisters, made a good impression. Jack Terry and Mabel Lambert in their new specialty, English Types Seen Through American Eyes, were one of the best numbers on the bill, and made many warm friends during the week. Lew Sully, robust, debonair, offhand and entertaining, had everything his own way, and every one of the Sully sallies was greeted with a roar. The children and many of their elders were highly pleased with the cute little dogs exhibited by Rosina Caswell. This is one of the best acts of its kind on the stage, and has many novel features. Raymond Finlay and Lottie Burke scored with their nonsense, and Chris Richards' acrobaticism won many a hearty laugh, while his dancing was hugely enjoyed. Elzaka and King opened with their burlesque magic, and Willis and Hansen and the pictures brought the entertainment to a pleasant finish.

COLONIAL.

Eddie Foy, Cole and Johnson, Ellsore Sisters, Al. Leach, and Others in Good Bill.

Eddie Foy headed the list and presented his new act, which was reviewed in last week's Mirror. He was received with extreme favor and had to respond to many encores. Cole and Johnson made their reappearance in vaudeville in a new specialty, a report of which will be found in another column. The Ellsore Sisters in The Actress and the Maid, brought down the house as they always do. Al. Leach and the Three Roadside were exceedingly amusing in Examination Day at School. Mr. Leach's unique methods of proving a good deal of merriment. Kelly and Kent won plenty of laughs with their cleverly arranged skit, and La Scala Sextette rendered grand opera selections with great skill and effect. The Casting Duncans drew through the air with the greatest of ease, and were rapturously applauded. Wynn and Lewis, as the Sophomore and the Freshman, covered snappily and funnily and made a decided hit. The opening number was by the Musical Craigs who play well and use popular selections. The pictures closed as usual.

NEW VAUDEVILLE ACTS.

NOVELTIES OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS LEND INTEREST TO THE WAXING SEASON.

Mrs. Annie Yeaman, Valerie Burgess and Company, Edward Emmonde and Company, Cole and Johnson, Mary Fernier, William O'Clare and Seth Smith, Ten Dark Knights, Billy "Swede" Hall and Jennie Colborn, Pleasant and Newburg, and Phillips and Farlaneau.

The following new acts were seen in the local theatres last week:

An Actress, a Burglar and a Count.

Valerie Burgess's name is a household word in Brooklyn and it is not to be wondered at that Kenney's Theatre was crowded with her admirers last week. On Thursday afternoon, and for the balance of the week, Miss Burgess presented, for the first time on any stage, a new sketch called Another Chance, written by Ann Steele. The scene is laid in an apartment in a New York hotel, occupied by Margery Grey, an actress. A young man enters from the fire-escape and starts to pocket the valuables lying on the table. He picks up Miss Grey's picture and it is shown that he knows her. A noise causes the thief to hide, and a moment later Miss Grey enters, accompanied by an Italian count, and an elderly female friend. The latter soon leaves and the actress starts to make a Welch rabbit, being constantly interrupted by the count's protestations of love. She finally despatches him to the drug store for a supply of alcohol and when he goes out, the burglar appears. The young woman is startled, but controls herself. She upbraids the man, but it is shown that she still has a weakness for him. When the count returns he finds them together, and the actress to save the man she loves, pretends to be intoxicated. This disgusts the count, who starts to call the police, to arrest the thief. The actress makes a strong appeal, and finally is forced to acknowledge that the intruder is her husband. The count takes his leave, and husband and wife are left face to face. The woman's heart melts, she decides to give him another chance, and the curtain falls on an embrace. The little sketch gives Miss Burgess opportunities for the portrayal of many emotions and it is needless to say she met every one of them with consummate skill. She never slighted her work, and even at the first performance she played her role as if she had been doing it for weeks. Escamillo Fernandez was a genuine count and Herbert Warren played the husband quite well. Emma Campbell, as the elderly friend, was satisfactory. Miss Burgess deserves credit for enlarging her repertoire and Another Chance should have a prominent place in it.

A Fantastic Sketch.

Edward Emmonde and company were in the bill at Kenney's presenting, for the first time here, a sketch called Old Pennyapbacher, billed as a Christmas fantasy, by Edward Weitnel. The scene is laid in the home of Pennyapbacher, a miser, who is so mean, that when his nephew announces that he is going to Brazil, and asks for his mother's picture, he sells it to him for five dollars. A poor little servant girl has a dog's life, and everything shows the miser's spirit. The nephew before leaving, tells the servant to be sure to wind an old clock that stands in the room. The miser is transformed into a model of generosity. He recalls his nephew, gives him money, orders in a big dinner and does a lot of other things that make the girl and the nephew think he has taken leave of his senses. Just as they are sitting down, the clock strikes again, and the old man becomes a miser once more. He orders everybody out and is distracted at the loss of the money he has given away. Fortunately the clock does another trick that transforms him once more into a real man, and as the clock stops just then, he knows that he will never again be a miser, and everybody is correspondingly happy. It is a cleverly written fairy story and was capitalily played. Mr. Emmonde, portrayed the varying emotions of the old man with excellent results and Genevieve McCloud was quite amusing as the servant. Avon Bryner, as the nephew, and Edward Weitnel, the author, played a small part quite acceptably.

An Irish Comedietta.

Mary Fernier, William O'Clare and Seth Smith headed the bill at Pastor's, offering by permission of Joseph Murphy, a comedy scene from the play Kerry Courtship. The scene is laid in before a cottage in the County Kerry, Ireland. The period is 1812. The characters are Nora Drew, Patrick Drew, her father, and Tim O'Ruddy, a youth in love with Nora. The sketch deals with the efforts of the bashful suitor to work up sufficient courage to ask the old man for his daughter's hand. The extinguishing of the matches used by the old man in trying to light his pipe, used for many scenes by Callahan, in The Old Neighborhood, and Conn's speech, telling of how he came to steal the Squire's mare, from The Shaughran, are among the interesting features of the sketch. Mr. Smith was natural and effective as the old man; Miss Fernier played her part quite acceptably, and Mr. O'Clare introduced a novelty in Irish rodding. He was also original in his playing of a "broth of a boy," with scarcely a trace of a brogue.

Veteran Actress in Monologue.

Mrs. Annie Yeaman appeared at Kenney's Theatre, Brooklyn, as a single entertainer, offering a monologue written for her special use. It is supposed to deal with some of her personal experiences during her sixty years on the stage and contains many cleverly written lines. The material, however, matters little, as it is Mrs. Yeaman's delightful personality that makes the act successful. She talks in an offhand, conversational, heart-to-heart way that is as charming as it is unusual. Everyone in the audience felt as if Mrs. Yeaman was addressing her remarks to him or her personally and the result was fifteen minutes of unalloyed pleasure for all. Mrs. Yeaman finished with an imitation of herself as she appeared many years ago doing a song and dance called I Hope I Don't Intrude. This simply brought down the house, and she was recalled again and again. Those who have admired Mrs. Yeaman in the past cannot fail to be pleased with her latest effort, and she should have no trouble in booking all the first class engagements she may care to fill.

Ten Lively Colored Men.

R. A. Rolfe presented his latest production, called Ten Dark Nights, at Kenney's, Brooklyn, and it scored an immediate success. The Knights are ten colored men, headed by Jack Smith, a clever comedian, who carries the burden of the funmaking. The act opens in one, with nine of the men dressed in striking uniforms and playing on brass instruments. The comedian comes in late, and being discharged, threatens to organize a band of his own. Instead of doing this, however, he indulges in a funny eccentric dance. The scene shifts to a plantation in the South and the act winds up with the usual darkey pastimes, done in very lively fashion. There is no let-up to the scene, and the songs are sung with good effect. The special setting

END MILLMAN.



Above is a picture of Bird Millman, of the Millman Trio, as she appears when ready to do her famous toe dancing specialty on the wire. Miss Millman's work has created a genuine sensation in all the principal cities of Europe for the past eighteen months, the trio having played long engagements in London, Paris, Berlin and many other places. Miss Millman and her partners will return to America early in the Summer, and in September will start on a long tour laid out by the United Office. The contract was made by the agents of "advanced" vaudeville last season, and will be carried out to the letter. Miss Millman is looking forward to her return to the United States with unalloyed pleasure.

of the second scene is very pretty and the act as a whole is carefully staged.

Some Swedish Comedy.

Billy "Swede" Hall and Jennie Colborn were newcomers at Pastor's, presenting a skit called The Swede and the Happy Girl. The scene is laid in a room in a Minneapolis hotel, occupied by an actress. A Swedish coalheaver enters, and is mistaken for the hotel proprietor by the girl, who is behind in her board. Some conversation at cross purposes follows, and finally the lights are lowered, and the girl sings a sentimental song at an open window, while the Swede sits by a cheerful grate fire. There are some good points in the sketch: Mr. Hall has a fair dialect and Miss Colborn sings rather well.

Back to Vaudeville.

Cole and Johnson, the comedians and song writers, who have been on tour all season in The Shoo-Fly Regiment, returned to vaudeville at the Colonial, and were given a flattering reception. They offered a new specialty, assisted by several girls from their company, that included many of the song hits of the play. The principals contributed several numbers, using the methods with which they have been identified for several seasons, and it is needless to say that encores were the rule.

Fun with a Gloomy Subject.

Walter Pleasant and Elton Newburg appeared at Pastor's in a skit called The Undertaker. The plot revolves around an adventure participated in by an undertaker and a society woman. The former thinks he has been called for professional purposes, and the latter mistakes the undertaker for an author whom she is expecting. There is a good deal of fun extracted from the situation, and the piece was cleverly played.

A Rehearsal Sketch.

Phillips and Farlaneau were among the Pastor attractions, offering a sketch called Her First Rehearsal. A stranded actor who agrees to coach an amateur actress finds that she has so little talent that he wants to return her money. During the sketch Mr. Phillips gives some impersonations very creditably, and his partner sings agreeably.

EAGLES TO BUILD THEATRE.

The lodge of Eagles at Fort Smith, Ark., has taken the preliminary steps looking to the building of a theatre. It appears that the project has been under way for some time, and all that was needed was the financial backing. P. A. Hall, one of the members, recently returned from a trip to the East, where the men with the money are, and reported to his fellow members that he had successfully interviewed capitalists, who said they would be willing to put up the money for the building, if their agent made a favorable report. The agent visited Fort Smith, and according to a local paper, his report was "glit edged," as, as a result, Fort Smith will have a new building of which it will be proud. The plans have already been drawn, and call for a ground floor theatre with balcony and gallery. The building will be five stories high, and will have an elevator, a rathskeller, two stores, three floors for offices, a banquet hall and kitchen, club and lodge rooms, Turkish baths, bowling alleys, and last, but not least, a roof garden.

GOT TOO NEAR TIGER'S CAGE.

A boy named John Morrissey, fourteen years of age, who attended the performance of the Barnum and Bailey Circus at Trenton, N. J., on May 13, wanted to get a close view of the tigers, so when the attendant was not looking, he slipped under the ropes and placed his face against the bars of the cage. One of the tigers made a flying leap, and before the boy could get away, had left the marks of one of his claws on his face. The boy was taken to St. Francis Hospital, where his wounds, consisting of a lacerated nose and eye, and two holes in one cheek, were dressed. There was a good deal of excitement in the animal tent, but no panic.

CLOWN BADLY INJURED.

James Balna, one of the clowns employed at the Hippodrome, was seriously injured on Thursday evening, during a rehearsal in his dressing room, of a new piece of business with his partner, Perry Shaw. A slushtick, with a blank cartridge between the boards, was to be used in the act, and to test it, Balna was to stand in the edge of a door. The cartridge exploded and a piece of the metal shot into Balna's shoulder, severing an artery. He promptly fainted, and had to be removed to the Flower Hospital, where the wound was dressed. He will recover.

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The Love Waltz, Edward Connolly, and Ward and Curran Are Foremost.

Fifth Avenue.

Joseph L. Lasky's production, The Love Waltz, finished a run of four weeks, and continued to win great favor. In addition to this an uncommonly good programme was provided. Ward and Curran scored the laughing hit of the week, in A Terrible Judge, which they keep freshened up with new material. Carlin and Otto were also very amusing with their Dutchisms, many of which are very funny. The Operator, Charles A. Kenson's dramatic sketch, was splendidly presented by Clara Knott and Lester Chambers. Dan Burke and his School Girls were entertaining and danced cleverly, while the audience was held spellbound by the bicycle tricks of Hill and Sullivan. Jack Wilson and company scored strongly, and Barnold's dogs and monkeys made a splendid closing number.

1234 Street.

Edward Connolly and company, after a long road season at the head of the Orpheum show, returned to New York last week, and again furnished a most interesting and enjoyable half hour entertainment in George Ade's splendidly written sketch, Blame Corbin. Mr. Connolly scored as Captain Holliday, the Southern gentleman who is in hard luck, and his come with Dan, the colored servant in the gambling den, brought down the house. Dan, of course, was played by Gerald Griffin, who received a series of ovations from his friends in Harlem, where he is an established favorite. Others in the cast were Ernest Carr, Paul Dalmell and Arthur Ebbets. Another fine number was that of Horace Goldin and Joanne Francis, whose wonderful feats of magic caused the crowd to stare in amazement. Thomas and Carleton, the American jesters, and Blime and Blime, in their amusing musical and comedy turn, were well received, as was Alice Capitaine in her gymnastic specialty. William Macart's monologue went well, and the songs and dances by the Rose De Haven Quartette were encored. Kelly and Rose, the vocalists, with excellent selections, and the pictures were also in the bill.

PASTOR'S.

A Number of New Acts Add Interest to a Generally Pleasing Bill.

The new acts at this house last week included May Fernier, William O'Clare and Seth Smith (headliners); Billy B. Hall and Jennie Colburn, Phillips and Farland, and Pleasant and Newburg, reviews of which will be found elsewhere. The hit of the bill was made by the Sully Family of five capable people, including the two boys, John F. Jr., and Master William. These boys are growing like weeds, and it will not be long before they will be as tall as their father, if not quite as wide. Master William is developing steadily, and gives promise of becoming a clever acrobatic comedian. As a proof of the way in which time flies, it may be remarked that the baby member that had to be carried out for the final bow, is now able to trot out to the center of the stage and kiss his chubby little hand to the audience. The Musical Sharpies offer good music and comedy, and Grace Orma, who is very tall and slender, furnishes amusement by poking fun at herself, and singing some songs. Saunders, the cartoonist, has an easy manner and a clever way of patterning while he draws. The other numbers were Cavana, wire artist, Ray and Flemons, Delmar and Delmar, Frank Dunworth, Justo, the juggler, and the pictures.

HAMMERSTEIN'S VICTORIA.

Cecilia Loftus Tops a Bill Made Up of Popular Entertainers.

Cecilia Loftus returned to New York last week, and drew a succession of very large audiences that applauded her photographic imitations enthusiastically. McMahon and Chappell's Pullman Porter Maids scored a big hit, and Mr. McMahon's dry humor was appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Barry, in their latest skit, At Hensfoot Corners won a goodly number of hearty laughs, and Howard and Howard were uncommonly successful in their messenger boy act. A. O. Duncan had his dummies trained to the minute, and there was not a current topic that was not amusingly touched upon, with hilarious results. Edmund Hayes, who has been absent from the regular vaudeville bills for several seasons, was again seen in A Wise Guy, which has lost none of its power as a laugh producer. The Kitabana Troupe of Japanese made a splendid impression, and John Birch, assisted by his bats, played a whole drama in an extremely amusing way. Wood and Lawson, singers and dancers, and the pictures completed the programme.

CURRIE SECURES NEWARK HOUSE.

William H. Currie, of the firm of Currie & Gray, has signed a contract with Aaron P. Ordway and company for the lease of the new theatre at the corner of Market and Beaver Streets, Newark, N. J., which is to be conducted as a high class vaudeville house. The theatre, which is now being built, will be completed next September. It is to be called the Lyric. The plans, which have been submitted to and approved by Mr. Currie, call for the expenditure of \$350,000. The period of the lease is for twelve years, with an option of renewal for thirteen years more. Simultaneously with the signing of the lease, Mr. Currie entered into a contract with William Morris, Inc., whereby that concern agrees to book the theatre with high class vaudeville attractions for a period of five years. This adds another important link to the chain of theatres which William Morris and his associates will control next season. The new house is admirably located in the center of the busy district of Newark, which has an immense local population and is surrounded on all sides with suburban settlements, the residents of which are persistent theatregoers. The rivalry between the Lyric and Proctor's will be very keen.

STRONG MAN INJURED.

Warren Lincoln Travis, well known as a strong man, was very seriously hurt while practicing a weight lifting specialty at the Brooklyn Athletic Club on Thursday evening. The act for which Travis was training, consisted of the lifting of 3,000 pounds with the muscles of his back and legs. He used a platform laid on two iron horses, and was accustomed to lift the platform with twenty men upon it. On this occasion he could not get enough men, so he piled up iron dumbbells and other gymnasium paraphernalia on the platform, and started to lift. While he was doing this the platform slipped, and he was buried under the tremendous weight. His cries for help brought several men, and he was finally released and taken to the Williamsburgh Hospital with a fractured hip and many other injuries. Last year, at Canton, O., Travis, who was allowing an automobile to run over his body twice a day, had three ribs broken by the sudden stopping of the machine.

CHARLES J. ROSS BREAKS KNEECAP.

Through a most unfortunate accident that happened at Weber's Theatre on Friday night, Charles J. Ross will be forced to remain in bed for the next six or eight weeks. Mr. Ross was descending the steps leading from the stage to the café floor when he slipped and fell to the bottom, landing in such a way that his right knee cap was broken. Help was at hand and a physician was summoned, who found that the break was a serious one. Mr. Ross was taken to his home where, in otherwise perfect bodily health, he will have to lie or sit waiting for the slow process of healing to put him on his feet again. Mrs. Ross (Mabel Penton) is now in a hospital recovering from an operation on her foot.

VERDICT OF JURY.

The jury in the case of the J. R. Sparrow Amusement Company, of Montreal, against the Columbia Amusement Company, brought in a verdict on Friday in favor of the plaintiff, awarding six cents damages. The complaint alleged a conspiracy on the defendant's part to injure the business of the plaintiff. Four years ago the parties in the case got into an entanglement through an alleged violation of an agreement. W. A. Edwards, of the Sparrow Company, opening a house in Boston, said opening being objected to by the Columbia managers already doing business in Boston. The result of the matter was that the various traveling managers canceled their dates at the Theatre Royal, Montreal, and the damage suit was begun. A few weeks ago a judge and jury failed to decide the case and it was retried last week with the verdict in favor of the plaintiff, and with the extremely nominal damages above mentioned.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

Justice Gildersleeve, Dayton and Seabury, of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, handed down a unanimous decision last week on the appeal of Henry Levy, manager of a Yiddish music hall. In January, 1907, there was a strike of Yiddish vaudeville performers, and Samuel Morgenbesser and several others were engaged to fill the places of the strikers. They appeared at several performances and were discharged with one week's salary. A suit was brought by Morgenbesser for \$426, for alleged breach of contract, and a jury gave him a verdict for the full amount. This verdict was set aside by the Appellate Justices, on the ground that the plaintiff, having signed a receipt containing the clause, "this hiring is a weekly hiring only," was not entitled to any further compensation.

VESTA VICTORIA WINS SUIT.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court last week handed down a decision in the case of Bert Cooper vs. Vesta Victoria, by which the singer is released from the obligation of paying Cooper \$1,323.93, awarded to him by a jury in the City Court a few months ago. Cooper's claim was for commissions alleged to be due on the \$2,500 a week contract given Miss Victoria by the promoters of "advanced" vaudeville. The court held that Cooper did not prove that he was the singer's manager or broker, and as Miss Victoria declared that he was neither, and that she had secured the contract herself, the decision was recorded in her favor.

FISHELL TENDERS RESIGNATION.

Dan S. Fishell, who since the discontinuance of vaudeville at the Forrest Theatre, Philadelphia, has been associated with the Sullivan-Cassidine interests as assistant to Fred Lincoln, the general manager, with headquarters in Chicago, resigned from that concern May 9. It is quite likely that during the summer months Mr. Fishell will devote his time to the handling of several small musical shows for parks and air-domes. It is said that on September 1 he will resume the management of the Garrick Theatre, St. Louis, which had always been successful when under his direction.

MELVILLE TO SAIL.

Frederick Melville will sail for Europe tomorrow (Wednesday), on the Adriatic, accompanied by "Motogirl," who will fill several summer engagements in Europe. Mr. Melville will transact some special booking business as the sole representative of a well known society entertainer, and has also been appointed sole continental representative of M. S. Bentham. He will place Emma Carus, Emma Francis, Trilzie Friganza and other Bentham acts on the other side. Mr. Melville and "Motogirl" will return in September to fill American engagements next season.

THEY WOULD BE MINSTRELS.

Last week Cohen and Harris advertised for 150 boys not over eighteen years of age, to join George Evans' Honey Boy Minstrels. The response was overwhelming, as a mob of over 800 gathered at the stage door of the Knickerbocker Theatre on Thursday, every lad in the crowd feeling sure that he had exactly the sort of talent that would land him in the front row of the big chorus that will be a feature of the new company. James Gorman managed, after a good deal of hard work, to pick out about sixty promising youngsters, and the rest went away filled with disappointment.

AL LAWRENCE STILL TOURING.

Al Lawrence is still playing the principal comedy role in Little Dolly Dimples, the musical comedy in which Grace Cameron has been starring this season, but with which she closed on April 25 in St. Louis. Mr. Lawrence will be with the company until May 16, and will then taken a short rest, reopening in vaudeville early in June. He will probably remain in his old line of work for a long time to come.

A PROFESSIONAL MATINEE.

Jack Singer, manager of the Behman Show, has issued invitations for a professional matinee to be given at the Murray Hill Theatre on Thursday, May 21. Mr. Singer is very proud of his organization, which has made a remarkable success on the road, and he wants his friends in the profession to see it and judge for themselves as to its merits.

THIS WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS.

PASTOR'S.—John J. Dunn, Wilhelmina Francis and company, Gray and Graham, Jeannette Dupre, Raymond and Hess, Keene and Adams, Daly and O'Brien, George and George, Mark and Laura Davis, Frank and Sadie Harrington, Meta Clark, Prince Ishmael and company, George and Libby Dupre.

KEITH AND PROCTOR'S FIFTH AVENUE.—George Primrose and company, Joseph L. Lasky's new act, The Eight Hoboes, Elsie Fay, Louise Simon, Grace Gardner and company, the Novelton, Captain George Auger and company, Elsie Boehm, Tennis Trio.

KEITH AND PROCTOR'S 1234 STREET.—The Love Waltz, Charles Grapewin and Anna Chance, Six American Dancers, Sadie Jansell, Radford and Winchester, A. O. Duncan, Prince Kokin, Barry and Wolford.

COLONIAL.—Eva Tanguay, Robert Hillard and company, Willa Holt Wakefield, Laddie Cliff, Rosina Cassell's Midgert Wonders, Charles F. Semon, Four Les Amatis, Martinetti and Sylvester, the Kemps.

ALHAMBRA.—Cecilia Loftus, Fred Karno's Early Birds, Pat Rooney and Marion Bent, Julius Tannen, Jack Wilson and company, La Gardemia, Coram, Beale Valdare Troupe, Goldsmith and Hoppe.

HAMMERSTEIN'S VICTORIA.—Eddie Foy, Sidney Drew and company, Stuart Barnes, May Tully and company, Chris Richards, the Su-Heraz, Arlington Four, Leah Roger, Luce and Luce.

The Bohemian Rooms.

DEWEY.—The Brigadiers attracted good audiences in spite of the weather, which during the early part of the week was uncomfortably warm. Hits were made by Minnie Harrison, Lester and Moon, John L. Nell, and the Ark's Troupe. This week, Star Show Girls.

GOTHAM.—Pat White Gaiety Girls repeated the success they scored downtown, and drew paying business. This week, Sam Devere company.

LONDON.—The Nightingales sang to the entire satisfaction of the patrons. This week, MURRAY HILL.—The Night Owls proved a potent attraction and large crowds enjoyed the entertainment. This week, Behman Show.

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Whittle, W. K.—Cathman, London, Eng., May 25-1922.
 Wilcox, Cyril—Hindmanson, Liverpool, Eng., 1922.
 Willard, William—Willard, London, Eng., 29-30.
 Wilmer, Martin—Hindmanson's, Oyster Island, 1922.
 Willford and Reed—Columb., Elm Clats, Wn., 1922.
 Williams, Sam—Ow's, Buffalo, N. Y., 1922.
 Williams and Weston—Vaseline, Terre Haute, Ind., 1922.
 Wills and Hanson—Poll's, New Haven, Conn., 1922.
 Will's, Portland, Me., 29-30.
 Wilson Bros.—Stal, Cal., 1922.
 Wilson and Burke—Map, Buckner, Ill., 1922.
 Wilson, Arthur—Lynn Park, Cleveland, O., 20-22.
 Wilson, Chas.—Lynn Park, Cal., 1922.
 Winston, J. W.—Tweed, Grimsby, Eng., 1922.
 Withers, R., 29-30. Grand, Washington, Eng., June 1-4.
 Withers, Harvey—Fennell, Eng., 9-12.
 Witt's Master Colman—Fraser's, Albany, N. Y., 1922.
 Wines and Bain—Fennell, Newark, N. J., 1922.
 Woodard and Matthews—Star, Muncie, Pa., 1922.
 Wood, Eugene, Pa., 29-30.
 Wood and Over—Barnett's, Hamilton, Ont., 1922.
 Wood and Over—Smith's, Hamilton, Ont., 1922.
 Woods, John—W. and N. Y., 1922.
 Woods, K. and F., 12th St., N. Y., 1922.
 Wright, George—Kitt's, Portland, Me., 1922.
 Yoder and Adams—Grand, Pittsburgh, 1922.
 Yoder, John—Superior, Wn., 1922.
 Yoder, John—Adams, Grand, Wn., April 29-June 12.
 Yoder, Buckner, Eng., 1922.
 Yoder, The Kitt's, Phila., 1922.
 Yoder, Jordan and Sam—Oryx., Minneapolis, Minn., 1922.
 Yoder, Oryx, Galien, O., 1922.
 Yoder and Cleveland—Muncie, Ind., 1922.
 Yoder, Fred—Barnett's, Montreal, Can., 1922.

VANDEVILLE JOTTINGS

The Four Seasons closed their tour last week, as well after a few weeks about town before making a

...and opening with their musical pro-

...the final week of the season at the New
...theatricals. While announcing no plans for
...September Shubert and Anderson declare that
...the twelve performances of this week will be the last
...opportunities to witness the battle of the Arthur
...and the big musicals now on the small bill.

Baron Conrad is negotiating for a New York road
...for the coming summer for his new production, Fol-
...live of the Day. A feature of the Folio will be
...The Dancing Bricks, a pony ballet. After the
...summer season the attraction will play the Empire
...circuit (Western week).

There will be a new summer park at Fallside, N. Y.
...in the near future. If present plans are carried
...out, Fallside is just across the Hudson from Har-
...lem.

J. Wesley Rosemont announces that the amateur
...night at the Fourteenth Street Theatre will be con-
...tinued.

Martin Beck has secured Mile, De Dio for a long
...tour next season. She will head the Orpheum Road
...Show.

The Dillon Brothers are all enjoying a reunion at
...their home in Cortland, N. Y.

Ethel Levy will sail on May 21, accompanied by her
...daughter. She expects to remain abroad for three
...years studying for her appearance in grand opera.

The Last Insignia, a baseball sketch by Raymond Veil-
...ler, is in rehearsal. It will require ten players, thirty
...singers and several scenery.

Harry Leachard has resigned from his position in
...the United Booking Office, and will devote his time
...to looking bills for the Doric Theatre, Yonkers, the
...house of which he has secured.

NOTES OF THE WHITE RATS

The preliminary meeting for the purpose of
...making nominations will be held to-day (Tues-
...day), May 19. The ballots will be mailed to the
...members and the result announced at the
...annual meeting on June 17.

A new constitution and by-laws is being pre-
...pared by the official attorney and Board of Di-
...rectors.

Dennis O'Brien, attorney for the Rats, now
...has about thirty-five cases that are in various
...stages of settlement.

Work on the publication of George Fuller
...Golden's book is progressing nicely. It will be
...issued through the Broadway Publishing Com-
...pany and will probably make its appearance in
...September. A few days ago Mr. Golden received a
...check for \$10,000 from George M. Cohen for
...half page advertisement in the back of the
...book. This generosity on the part of Mr. Cohen
...has insured the success of the volume, and Mr.
...Golden is deeply grateful for his extraordinary
...interest, which was prompted by friendship for
...the founder of the order, who is now recuperat-
...ing at Saranac Lake.

It is possible that one of the big circuses may
...be called to account very soon for its action in
...connection with certain members. The details
...will be surprising when they become public.

EMPIRE CIRCUIT NOT TO MOVE.

The story published in Chicago that the Em-
...pire Circuit would hereafter make its head-
...quarters in Chicago is said to be a mistake, which
...probably grew out of the fact that a number of
...the companies owned by Western managers will
...sit out in the Windy City. The headquarters of the
...circuit will remain in New York, where the
...largest interests connected with the organization
...are centered.

DATES AHEAD.

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RAYMOND, GREAT (Harriet F. Raymond, mgr.):
...Paris, Brazil, June 15-19. Rio de Janeiro 20-
...July 18.
SAGE, MR. AND MRS. (C. M. J. Sage, mgr.): Chi-
...cago, Ill., 18-20.
SMITH'S GREATER SHOWS: Aurora, Ind., 18-22.
SPRINGFIELD (Geo. Drelich, mgr.): San Jose, Porto
...Rico, 18-20.

Received too late for classification.

AT PINKY RIDGE: Montreal, P. Q., 18-22.
AVENUE STOCK: Detroit, Mich., May 25-Indefinite.
BARNUM AND BAILEY'S CIRCUS: Boston, Mass.,
...25-30.

COLE BROTHERS CIRCUS: Toledo, O., 25.
DREW, JOHN (Charles Freeman, mgr.): Los Angeles,
...Cal., 18-20. Fresno 21, Oakland 22, 23.
EAST LYNN: San Jose, Cal., 25-28.

FISMAN, MAX (John Curt, mgr.): Sacramento, Cal.,
...18, Stockton 19, Oakland 20, 21, San Jose 22, Santa
...Cruz 23.
FLOWER OF THE RANCH (A. Emerson Jones, mgr.):
...Cleveland, O., 21-23. Chicago, Ill., 24-Indefinite.

FORD'S STOCK (William A. Ford, mgr.): Baltimore,
...Md., June 1-Indefinite.
GATEWAY ALL-STAR STOCK: Philadelphia, Pa., May
...25-Indefinite.

HENCKES MAIDS: Washington, D. C., 25-30.
IRWIN'S BIG SHOW (Fred I. Irwin, mgr.): Newark,
...N. J., 25-30.
JEFFERSON, THOMAS (William L. Malley, mgr.):
...Portland, Me., 25-28.

JOLLY GIL, MARGUERITE (Gus Leising, mgr.):
...Buffalo, N. Y., 25-30.
LION AND THE MOUSE (Henry B. Harris, mgr.):
...Toronto, Can., 25-28.

MAN OF THE HOUR (Buddy and Grimmer, mgrs.):
...Ottawa, Ont., 18-20.
MERRY WIDOWS BURLESQUE: Detroit, Mich., 25-
...28.

MRS. WIGGS OF THE CARRIAGE PATCH (Lubber
...and Co., mgrs.): Seattle, Wash., 17-30. Vancouver,
...B. C., 22.
NIXON STOCK: Pittsburgh, Pa., May 25-Indefinite.

101 RANCH WILD WEST (Miller Brothers, mgrs.):
...St. Louis, Mo., 17-23.
SELBY-BROOKS STOCK (Charles H. Brooks, mgr.):
...Danville, Ill., 25-28. Chicago, Ind., 29-30.

SHUBERT THEATRE STOCK (Pauline H. Boyle,
...mgr.): Milwaukee, Wis., May 25-Indefinite.
THOMASHEFFKY YIDDISH OPERA: Pittsburgh,
...Pa., 22, 23.

WEDDED, BUT NO WIFE: Buffalo, N. Y., 25-30.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from page 14.)

Girl 25, Maud Adams in The Jesters June 15.—
GRAND (T. K. Albright, mgr.): The Monte Carlo
...Girls 8, 9. The co. manager and the house manager
...were arrested for allowing one of the girls to ap-
...pear in an immoral dance. The girl and the co-
...manager pleaded guilty and the house manager had
...his case postponed.

SPRINGFIELD, GRAND (Springfield Theatre
...Co., mgrs.): Monte Carlo Girls Burlesque co., 18.
SUN (Gus Sun, director; Mace Jackson, mgr.): Week
...11-18 Two Avonets, Mervin Bassett, Four Bragons,
...The Ling Pon, the Merry Twister; the bill was fair
...and drew good patronage. Week 19-23 Mervin
...Twister, The Ling Pon, Adele.—SPRING GROVE
...CABINO (C. F. Powell, mgr.): Will open week 24 with
...Elle's Minstrels. The regular vaudeville bill will com-
...mence 21.

STIRLEY, GILLETTE (William Lockins, mgr.):
...The Arrival of KITTY (H. S. Vall, mgr.): Maudie Hope, Bobby Rankin, Miss Col-
...man, and Fox and Summers 11-13. La Adella, Miss
...Coleman, Hazel McFarland, Lustrum and Anderson,
...and moving pictures 14-18. Both bills pleased; ex-
...cellent business.

TIERNEY, GRAND (T. K. Albright, mgr.; C. F.
...Collins, mgr.): The Lion and the Mouse 8; large and
...well pleased audience. The Arrival of KITTY 18.
ITEM: Manager C. F. Collins, of the Grand, this
...city, has taken the management of the Citizens'
...Opera House at Danville, O., and will conduct it on
...the same high order as the Grand.

VAN WERT, AUDITORIUM (Hedican Amuse-
...ment Co. managers and mgrs.): Consider The Rye 8
...8. FREDERICK, OPERA HOUSE (Helm and Hayman,
...mgrs.): The Lion and the Mouse 9; big house; pleased.

OREGON.

SALEN, GRAND (John F. Gundry, mgr.): Vau-
...deville April 27 pleased fair house. Season closed.

PENNSYLVANIA.

SCRANTON, LYCEUM (Charles M. Southwell,
...mgr.): Yiddish co., with Anna Carolina, in The
...Broken Hearts 11; the principals, especially Anna
...Carolina, did excellent work. The Rye 12, 13, 14, 15
...excellent co., to fair business.—ACADEMY (Charles
...M. Southwell, mgr.): Rose Latham in Lena Rivers
...7-9; co. excellent; to phenomenal business; people
...were turned away at every performance. Garden
...and Vineyard Revue, 11-12 opened with Heart
...and Sword; co. excellent; to fair business. Other
...plays: Woman Against Woman, Purgatory, Camille,
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week of 11-18. Deann City 18-23.—LYCEUM (Frank
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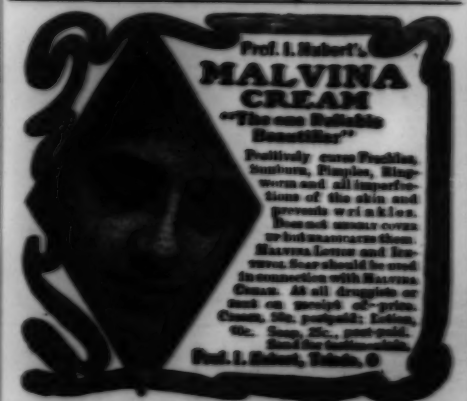
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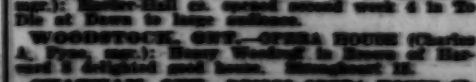
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